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Starting Line.

A MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT JO ELLEN PARKER
ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

In introducing the current strategic planning process, I used the metaphor of the “starting line.” A starting line, of course, suggests that a race is about to begin. There were several reasons I liked the metaphor of a race for this particular strategic planning process. A race has a beginning, a middle and an end. It has a clear goal and a clear pathway toward that goal. A race involves an awareness of competition—even if only against one’s own previous best—and success depends on training, preparation and attitude. And, of course, a race involves moving quickly!

The “Starting Line White Paper” (available in its entirety on the strategic planning blog at strategicplan.blog.sbc.edu) laid out my charge to the community; in a way, it charted out our racecourse for us. The rest of this message summarizes its key points.

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Engineering



1945 Graduate Endows \$3 Million Fund to Support Engineering Program

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Margaret “Peggy” Jones Wyllie always wanted to be an engineer, but when she entered college in 1941 pursuing that dream was nearly impossible. In those days, universities with engineering programs rarely admitted women and no women’s college in the country offered the degree. So in 1945, Wyllie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from Sweet Briar College.

Inspiration

Sixty-five years later, Sweet Briar is one of only two U.S. women's colleges to offer an engineering degree. The program's success has permitted Wyllie to revisit her childhood dream while expanding opportunities for Sweet Briar's aspiring engineers of today. She and her husband, Jesse Wyllie, have given \$3 million to Sweet Briar to create an endowment in support of the program. Shortly after the gift was announced, Jesse Wyllie passed away.

In recognition of the gift, SBC Engineering will henceforth be known as the Margaret Jones Wyllie '45 Engineering Program. It is the first named academic program in the College's 109-year history.

Sweet Briar's engineering curriculum was built over several years beginning in 2002, largely with \$1.5 million in grants from the National Science Foundation. The first class of degree candidates was enrolled in 2005 and graduated last year.

The College offers a B.S. in engineering science and a B.A. in engineering management. The curriculum emphasizes experiential learning, design as a fundamental element of engineering, and creating solutions to human problems. The engineering science degree track is multidisciplinary, rooted in mechanical engineering and engineering design, with an emphasis on electrical and mechanical systems.

The B.A. option responds to the high demand among today's technical companies for graduates with strong educational backgrounds in both management and technology. Fundamental science, math and engineering courses, combined with an emphasis on developing management skills and interconnections between the disciplines, are the core of the program.

The Wyllies, who met at The Johns Hopkins University where Peggy earned her master's in chemistry, were early and generous supporters of engineering at Sweet Briar. They contributed substantially for laboratory renovations and equipment, computers and software from 2005 to 2007.

Earlier this winter, President Jo Ellen Parker invited the couple to campus to attend a lecture, tour the department's labs and machine shops, and meet with students, faculty and administrators.

"Peggy and Jesse Wyllie were impressed by the quality of Sweet Briar's engineering students and faculty, by the mission of the program and by the innovative curriculum," Parker said.

"They appreciated the careful stewardship, which made effective and thoughtful use of their previous gifts and of National Science Foundation grants. But mostly, I think, they appreciate the importance of

sending women engineers into today's marketplace prepared to use their skills responsibly, sustainably and thoughtfully."

SBC engineering director Hank Yochum also noted that the Wyllie's gift validates what the College has done to develop a high-quality program.

"This endowment speaks to the success of the program and to our commitment to creating opportunities for women to become engineers that make a difference in the world," Yochum said.

"The gift will help us provide even more opportunities for our students, including funds for additional state-of-the-art lab equipment and scholarships. It will also support community-based design courses, like last year's collaboration with disabled workers at Lynchburg Sheltered Industries. That project resulted in a national workplace innovation award for design."

Peggy Wyllie lives on her cattle farm in Troy, Va. She and Jesse retired there in 1982 after his career as a research scientist and executive with Gulf Oil Corp. They moved around, living in the United Kingdom, the Middle East, and Texas, California and Pennsylvania.

While her husband, a Rhodes Scholar from South Africa, climbed the ranks at Gulf to serve as president and chairman of the company, Peggy raised three children and pursued her own interests, including riding horses. In a recent interview with Virginia Business, Wyllie said she rode competitively at Sweet Briar and didn't stop riding until age 75.

There also was a time in the 1950s when she satisfied her need for speed as a race car driver on the Sports Car Clubs of America circuit. What the somewhat diminutive Wyllie lacked in stature she made up in nerve, sometimes pushing the Jaguars she drove to 110 miles an hour.

The Wyllies appreciate the importance of sending women engineers into today's marketplace prepared to use their skills responsibly, sustainably and thoughtfully."

—JO ELLEN PARKER



Left to right: President Jo Ellen Parker with Jesse Wyllie, Peggy Wyllie '45 and Hank Yochum.

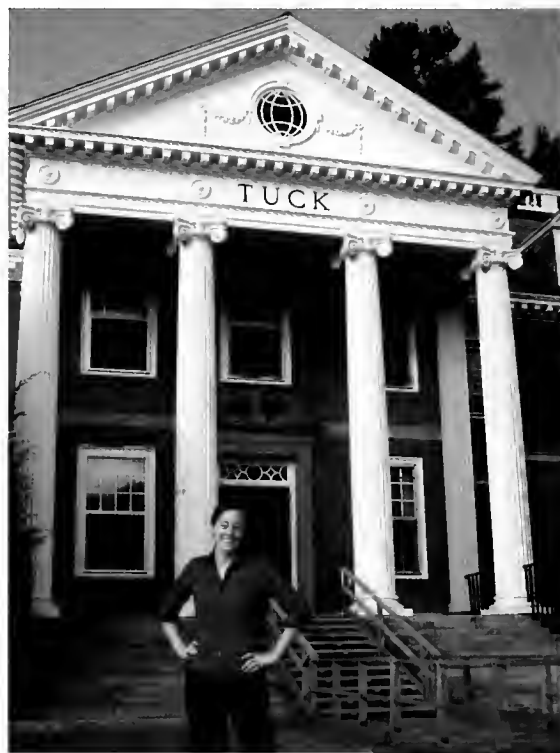
Engineering Inspiration

2009 Engineering Graduates

In May 2009, Sweet Briar graduated its first full class of engineers — four women who helped pave the way for future engineering students. Recently, we learned that these new alumnae have begun promising careers or gone on to further study. From conducting research in nanotechnology to working with a government intelligence agency, these engineers are doing work that proves the program's success.

During interviews with the four graduates, each was asked about her most memorable experience at Sweet Briar. Three, who attended the spring 2007 Technology and Society course, said the same thing. As part of the class, they planned and executed a trip to Guatemala, where they helped build a clean-water supply system for a rural boarding school. They also built a pump connected to the storage tank that could be operated by hand or electrically. All three alumnae spoke of how the project gave them the chance to help others, one of the fundamental goals of engineering.

The newly named Margaret Jones Wyllie '45 Engineering Program continues to grow with 20 students enrolled for the coming year. The number of women in engineering is steadily increasing through our Explore Engineering program for high school girls and through our engineering scholarship program, both of which are funded through the National Science Foundation and the Wyllie endowment.



Sarah Smiley stands in front of Tuck School of Business where she attends many of her classes at Dartmouth. Smiley's intended degree integrates both engineering science and business.

Sarah Smiley

Helping others in practical ways has always been important to Sarah Smiley, and engineering has provided her with the tools to do just that. She chose Sweet Briar's engineering program for its focus on mechanical and electrical engineering, small class sizes and varied course offerings. Having graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a double major in engineering science and mathematics, Smiley now attends Dartmouth College where she is earning a master's degree in engineering management.

"I believe that we're blessed to be a blessing," Smiley said. "And I want to help people. I want to be the best leader that I can be, and I believe that one way to obtain this goal is to challenge myself and get the best education I am capable of."

At Sweet Briar, Smiley was involved in the Falls-on-Nose tap club, golf club, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and she participated in three separate internships.

During her sophomore year, Smiley traveled to Guatemala with her classmates where they began construction on a water system for a local school. For Smiley, the project was rewarding, not only because of the hands-on experience, but also because of the



Amanda Baker explored parts of Ecuador in January 2009 on a kayaking trip.

connections she made with the children at the school.

"We got to throw a party with the kids there with a piñata, which we helped them to set up," she said. "The water system construction was a lot of physical labor, but we learned about the culture while we were there. We practiced our Spanish, drew on our history of Latin America, really put to work our problem-solving techniques."

Smiley always valued the intimate setting she encountered at Sweet Briar and the confidence that a women's college gave her, especially since she has entered a field in which women are the minority.

Currently, Smiley is working toward a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certificate, which focuses on developing best practices in manufacturing production. Eventually, she'd like to work for a technical company in operations. She is on the Master of Engineering Management Council and is co-leader of the Operations and Manufacturing Professional Club. She is a teaching assistant for the upper-level mechanical engineering class, machine design. Overall, Smiley is thriving in her new life at Dartmouth, and fondly cites her Sweet Briar experience as the springboard for her path.

Amanda Baker

As a young girl, Amanda Baker was curious about mechanics. She took apart radios, remote controls and toys with moving parts, trying to figure out how they worked. When she heard her mother's footsteps coming down the hall, she'd quickly attempt to

reconstruct the items before being caught. In high school, Baker began taking engineering classes at a community college and felt she'd found her niche.

Now she is a full-time employee of Straughan Environmental Services in Columbia, Md. She spends her days doing stream surveys and assessments, field work, habitat assessments and storm water management plans. She's also a part-time student at The Johns Hopkins University, where she's earning her master's in environmental engineering and science with a focus on stream restoration. She's also part of the Johns Hopkins Outdoor Pursuits program, leading kayaking, backpacking, rock climbing and outdoor adventure trips.

Baker chose Sweet Briar to provide her with the necessary link between her high school education and post-graduate aspirations. A double major in engineering and environmental sciences, Baker was involved in clubs, activities and programs all over campus, including the Sweet Briar Engineering Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Women in Engineering, SWEBOP (the College's outdoor program) and Tau Phi.

During her sophomore year, Baker was part of the Guatemala trip and said that it was an adventure she'll never forget.

"I helped organize the logistics of the trip," Baker said. "It was one of the most demanding classes and at the same time one of the most gratifying."

The trip taught Baker that engineering is about helping people. "That should be our number one priority," she said.

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER

The Richmond Joint Engineers' Council has selected Sweet Briar College to receive its 2010 RJEC Award for Outstanding Achievement in Advancing the Study and Practice of Engineering.

Sweet Briar is the first recipient of the new award. The RJEC chose the College to recognize its creation of degreed programs in engineering and the graduation of its first class in the spring of 2009. Sweet Briar is one of two women's colleges in the country to offer degrees in engineering.

Hank Yochum, director of the engineering program at Sweet Briar, accepted the honor at the RJEC's annual Engineers' Week Awards Banquet, held Feb. 18 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

"The award acknowledges the College's commitment to increasing the number of women in engineering," Yochum said. "We are especially pleased to earn this inaugural award from an organization with such state-wide reach as the RJEC."

Since the class of 2009 graduated, Yochum has been following the women's progress as they pursue advanced degrees or begin careers in the field. "The success of our first graduates, in graduate school and in practice, demonstrates the high quality engineering education a small liberal arts college can provide," he said.

Engineering Inspiration

2009 Engineering Graduates



Lauren Guyer

Lauren Guyer found her way to SBC engineering along an indirect route. She started with a strong interest in architecture and also in riding. Searching for colleges that offered intensive riding instruction, she stumbled upon Sweet Briar and the engineering program, which turned out to be the right fit.

Guyer received a B.A. in engineering management at Sweet Briar. The degree combines engineering science and the business practices that are common in her field, which include production management, marketing, human resources and accounting. Guyer's Sweet Briar experience gave her the confidence to work in a male-dominated field and also the practical knowledge she needed to get a job and excel in it.

Like others in her major, Guyer was involved in the Falls-on-Nose tap club and the Sweet Briar chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. A member of the riding council, Guyer spent many hours at the barn planning in-house horse shows, volunteering, riding and caring for horses.

At Sweet Briar, two events were particularly memorable for Guyer, who is now an intelligence specialist with the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Va. In her first year, she and her teammates won the Cardboard Boat Regatta, paddling to victory in Sweet Briar's lake aboard their cardboard-and-duct tape vessel.

During her sophomore year, the Guatemala project had a strong impact on her outlook as an engineer. Guyer and her team overcame numerous obstacles during and before their trip including fundraising, bad weather, language barriers and sickness. In the end, the opportunity to have a tangible effect on a school in need was invaluable, said Guyer, who feels that Sweet Briar helped her to become a confident leader, equipped to handle the challenges in front of her.



Kaelyn Leake

Kaelyn Leake is doing something at the University of California, Santa Cruz, that most people have never heard of. She's specializing in nanoscale optofluidics, a research field that studies optic and fluidic components in the same microscopic system. Leake is attempting to design a portable, inexpensive device that will be used to detect dangerous viruses and strands of DNA, as well as many other processes that take extensive amounts of time and money to detect in a laboratory setting. These devices would be useful to traveling researchers as they enter developing countries and remote areas where they could identify a hazardous virus on site.

"Engineering is very much a multidisciplinary field," Leake said. "We use

Engineering Students Recognized Nationally for Community Outreach

In a recent regional version of the Technology and Society course, students designed and created tools for physically and mentally challenged employees at Lynchburg Sheltered Industries, a local nonprofit company. The new tools created by the students are being used at LSI today.

Students involved in the project participated in the 2009 NISH National Scholar Award for Workplace Innovation and Design, a national engineering design competition. Sweet Briar students, including '09 graduate Sarah Smiley, earned third place in the competition, an impressive accomplishment for our program.



Sarah Smiley '09, left, and Maxine Emerich '10 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., where they were recognized for a project design.

physics, chemistry, math and even biology daily at UC Santa Cruz. Sweet Briar's engineering program, which combines mechanical, electrical and some civil engineering, prepared me for this."

As an undergraduate, Leake was involved in the Engineering and Physics Society, fencing, American Society for Mechanical Engineers and the Falls-on-Nose tap club. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with majors in engineering science and physics and received the George H. Lenz Excellence in Physics Award.

One of Leake's favorite moments at Sweet Briar took place on a late night in the Guion Science Center. In her first engineering class, she was tasked with creating a Beanie Baby launcher. The contraption had to launch a Beanie Baby over a "mountain" at a certain angle and height.

"The night before the assignment was due, the whole class was in the engineering lab trying to finish the building for the project and calibrating the catapults ... There were many flying Beanie Babies, collisions and races on wheeled chairs down the hall," Leake said.

When most of the catapults did not meet the specifications, Leake and her classmates realized how much testing, thought and study goes into completing a seemingly simple task.

Leake recently received a QB3 Fellowship for first-year studies in the Keck Center at UC Santa Cruz and looks forward to new discoveries in the field of electrical engineering.



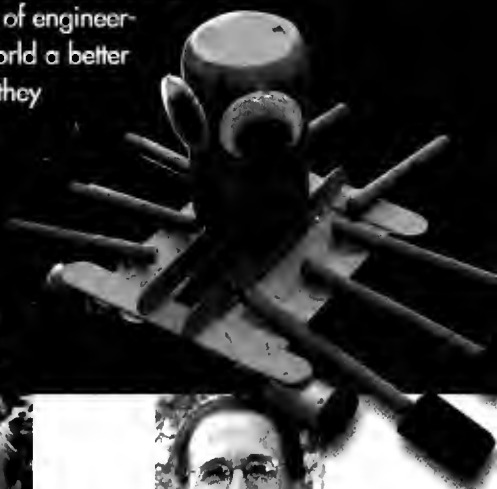
Explore Engineering AT SWEET BRIAR

The engineering program at Sweet Briar now hosts a week-long summer course and two overnight Explore Engineering weekends for junior and senior high school girls. Participants engage in engineering projects such as creating robots that make music and art, designing electronic clothing, making iPod speakers, building interactive stamp pad games and more.

The program emphasizes the creative nature of engineering and the ways that engineers make the world a better place. Students see engineering in action as they work with current SBC students and faculty.

They also meet with area women engineers, learn about Sweet Briar's program and stay in the residence halls.

No prior experience in engineering is needed. For more information on Explore Engineering, visit: www.engineering.sbc.edu.



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101st Commencement Links Class of 2010 to SBC's 10th President

BY JENNIFER MCMANAMAY

Jo Ellen Parker opened Sweet Briar's 101st commencement on Saturday, May 15, ready to confer 155 undergraduate degrees and six Master of Arts in Teaching degrees. When she left the stage at the conclusion of the ceremony, she had become an honorary member of the first class to graduate since she became president.

Senior class president Carlisle "Carlie" Adams announced the honor, and presented Parker with a class ring. Adams noted that Parker had faced challenges during her first year, but rose to meet them.

"I'll say to my new classmates, I'm just a little bit verklempt," Parker said in response, and noted that as the College's 10th president she is numerically as well as emotionally linked to the Class of 2010.

Debra Elkins '93 delivered the commencement address, which struck an engineering theme appropriate to her background. She is a risk analysis expert serving as a section chief with U.S. Homeland Security. After receiving her bachelor's from SBC in mathematical physics, she earned a master's in math and a doctorate in industrial engineering.

Elkins advised the Class of 2010 that the liberal arts education they received at Sweet Briar has prepared them to engineer the future in everything from health care and education to fixing energy shortages and environmental issues to ensuring the nation's security.

"You have the rights and privileges that go along with being a Sweet Briar graduate, but you also have a responsibility to use your education to help address these tough issues," she said.

Elkins said each also has a responsibility to herself. "Find whatever it is that you love doing and that you do really well, and go after that dream with all your passion and energy. Then you will have found not only a job, but an interesting, fulfilling career path, where you have lots of opportunities to give back to your community and broader society."

Elkins comes from good stock and a proud Sweet Briar tradition: A sister and two cousins also are graduates and her late mother was professor emerita and former chair of Sweet Briar's math department, for whom the family established the Judith Molinar Elkins Prize. It recognizes outstanding achievements in math or science and is one of five all-College awards that are presented during commencement each year.

Elkins was able to present the award named for her mother to Laura Nicole Jett. Jett also earned the



President Jo Ellen Parker was given a class ring by senior class president Carlie Adams at commencement. Parker is now an honorary member of the Class of 2010.

honorary title of Emilie Watts McVea Scholar as the highest ranking member of her class, a distinction she shares with Elkins, who won it in 1993.

As is customary, dean of the College Jonathan Green called each candidate to the stage to receive her diploma from President Parker. Other speakers included Rachel Flynn representing the board of directors and Jennifer Crossland '86, president of the Alumnae Association.

Three guests also were acknowledged at commencement, President Emerita Betsy Muhlenfeld and her husband, Larry Wollan, and Margaret "Peggy" Jones Wyllie '45, who with her late husband, Jessie Wyllie, recently endowed a fund to support the College's engineering program.

Visit www.sbc.edu/news/items/9680 for the full story.



Debra Elkins '93 delivers the 2010 commencement address.



Aili McGill '10 and Mariah McGill '02.



Left to right: Missy Flanigan Clark '77, Barbara Clark McLaughlin '77, Kathryn Smith '10, Blair Clark Swoope '83 (mother).



Lisa Weisbrich '10 with her sister, Petra Weisbrich, who graduated in December 2009 and received her diploma at the 2010 ceremony.



Maribeth Turner '10 and Grace Turner Creasey '01.



Malone Roberts '10 with her mother, Martha Roberts '75.



Four turning point students earned their bachelor's degrees. Left to right: Wanda Spradley, Deborah Taylor, Donna Kerley and Tina Thompson.



Autumn Catalon Wade '04 and Sarina Catalon '10.



Sisters Caroline Bailey '13 and Elizabeth Bailey '10 with their mother, Susan Parr Bailey '81.



Six students received their Master of Arts in Teaching. Graduates from left to right are: Sarah Johnson, Elizabeth Shuford, Lisa Mazingo, Tracey Nicely, Jennifer Gottfried and Erin Coppersmith.

Going Places in the Foreign Service

SPOTLIGHT



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HER THIRD DAY ON THE JOB, Heather Wright '05 participated in a Hindu cremation. Now in her second year, she has shared tea with an Afar sultan and stood on the deck of the USS Cole.

Wright is consular section chief at the U.S. Embassy in Djibouti, a small country on the Horn of Africa. She also is acting political chief and acting public affairs officer.

In the course of a day she may brief U.S. military personnel at Camp Lemonnier on local customs, visit an American in jail or arrange another's funeral. More often she sleuths through visa applications separating fact from sometimes hilarious fiction made up by people trying to get to the United States.

"I do a lot of talking and meeting new people in support of the U.S. government's mission. I also do a whole lot of writing, something that I can thank SBC for," Wright says. "My work is very interesting and challenging, no day is ever the same as the

day before. It can be stressful, but I love it and thrive in it.”

Wright, an international affairs and Spanish double major, knew she wanted to be a diplomat when she applied for a Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship in 2006. Hers was one of 19 graduate fellowships to be awarded that year.

The Pickering paid her way through a master's program at George Washington University, where she graduated magna cum laude. It provided housing, a living stipend, two summer internships, including one as an assistant public affairs officer in Asuncion, Paraguay, and a guaranteed job in foreign service after graduation.

In return, she has to fulfill all requirements for a regular Foreign Service Officer, including security and medical clearances and passing written and oral exams. She also must have tenure by the end of her three-year service obligation in Djibouti.

While the whole package was worth about \$150,000, Wright said the opportunity “to hob-knob with and be mentored by senior-level personnel in the U.S. government” has been invaluable. So are the travel and cultural experiences that come with working for the State Department.

She is a long way from her hometown of Princess Anne on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where she grew up with her mother and her grandparents.

Djibouti is in Northeast Africa on the Gulf of Aden. It has nearly 200 miles of coastline and encompasses coral islands off its shores. Bordered by Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia, much of it is rugged desert, where on hikes Wright said she has seen children seem to materialize out of the rocks. Though most Djiboutians live in the cities, many remain nomadic herders, raising goats and cattle.

Wright lives among and works with the locals, who are predominantly ethnic Afars and Somalis. Ethiopians, Arabs and Europeans also make up part of the population. As a former French territory the culture is influenced by African, Arab and European customs.

Most Djiboutians are devout Muslims and some bear the mark of “sujud” on their foreheads from their daily prayers.

“It's a mark of piety and people are very proud of it,” Wright said. “People are generally open here and if you make an effort to learn a few words in Somali, it will get you pretty far. I started out with just the words, ‘yes,’ ‘no,’ ‘thank you,’ ‘please’ and ‘I don't

People are generally open here and if you make an effort to learn a few words in Somali, it will get you pretty far. I started out with just the words, ‘yes,’ ‘no,’ ‘thank you,’ ‘please’ and ‘I don't have any money.’”

have any money.’ The last phrase normally gets a lot of laughs, a handshake or a hug or two when I'm in the market.”

She discovered Djiboutians love to party, too, to the point of shaming Americans. “I went to an International Women's Day Event in honor of the first lady. I got there at seven p.m. and didn't leave until after two a.m., and that was only with other Americans. I later found that the party lasted until six a.m.”

Wright's work hasn't just exposed her to people and places that most Americans never experience, it's allowed her to see her own country in a new light.

“Not that many Americans get to see the good work that we do overseas,” she said, describing a visit to a food pre-positioning warehouse. “It's the jump-off point for almost all food aid going into Africa, particularly Ethiopia. It's really an incredible feeling to see boxes of food stuffs piled thirty feet high, all stamped with USAID.

“It's also a great feeling to visit refugee camps that are really the last hope for people fleeing horrendous conflicts and know that my country funds about twenty-five percent of their operation.”

Even more gratifying, she said, is helping an American who has gotten himself stranded in a dangerous situation in Somaliland to get home or helping a family in the United States deal with the loss or injury of a loved one in Djibouti.

While representing the U.S. government makes her more wary than she might be otherwise, it hasn't hindered her immersion in the culture.

“I'm not naïve and I know that there are people out there who don't like Americans and Djibouti is right in the middle of it — Somalia, Eritrea, Yemen, pirates, need I say more?” Wright said.

“But working for the State Department has afforded me an incredible opportunity to live and work in a world that I scarcely think I would have visited on my own. I'm getting to see and do things that not that many people can say they have seen or done.”



Elinor was everything that Sweet Briar is about . . . She was a living example for us sitting right there in the classroom.

—Emily Pegues '00

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Elinor Stebbins (for left) poses with some of her fellow pilots.

At age 19 Elinor Fairchild was among the youngest members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, who in World War II became the first women to fly American military aircraft.

At the age of 75, Elinor Fairchild Stebbins was the oldest person ever to graduate from Sweet Briar with a four-year degree.

She didn't really plan any of it, Stebbins said.

Retired and living in Richmond with her husband, Robert, she began attending classes because she admired poet Mary Oliver, who was then SBC's Banister Writer-in-Residence.

"One thing led to another and I finally matriculated," Stebbins said, laughing.

In 2000 she graduated from Sweet Briar with a degree in English and creative

writing. The occasion was most memorable, she said, because her children and grandchildren were there to celebrate with her.

Nearly 10 years later, on March 10, 2010, she was one of about 200 veterans of the WASP to accept a Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol. The medal, the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress, was overdue recognition for the women's wartime service that for a long time the military barely acknowledged, let alone heralded.

It was an important event, and Stebbins borrowed back her old dress uniform, which she had donated to the Virginia War Memorial, for the occasion. Numerous dignitaries spoke, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw. Stebbins thought the ceremony

was well done.

"It was expeditious," she said. "Nancy Pelosi was graceful and brief."

Again, for Stebbins one of the best parts of the whole experience was the family reunion that went along with it.

Stebbins decided to take flying lessons after her first plane ride at age 18. She'd just graduated from high school in Pelham, N.Y., and moved to New York City, where she was working and going to college at night. It was in late 1943, on the day she logged her 35th hour of flight time — the minimum required to apply for the WASP — that someone mentioned an Army agent was in the city recruiting women pilots.

"I went in and signed up," Stebbins said. "You wanted to do something during World War II. Everybody did."

As a student at Sweet Briar, her friend



Elinor Stebbins was honored by family and friends at a nearby restaurant after the ceremony. Standing left to right: Douglas Seay, senior staff member House Foreign Affairs Committee; Larna Stebbins Fossand, daughter; Rodger Stebbins, son; Elinor Fairchild Stebbins '00; Paul Stebbins, son; Ben Alexander, nephew, son of Elinor's only sister. Seated, left to right: Conrad Carter, friend of Elinor; Elin Stebbins Waldal, daughter; John Stebbins, son; and Janelle, John's friend.



Elinor Stebbins, March 10, 2010.

and classmate Emily Pegues '00 saw in Stebbins' choices not an overt role model but someone who was the "real thing."

"Elinor was everything that Sweet Briar is about," Pegues said. "Yes, lifelong learning, but responsibilities first, and then she went back and did what she needed to do. Her priority was the war, then her family and when she had a chance, it was time for her."

As for women who go out and make a difference, "She was a living example for us sitting right there in the classroom," Pegues said.

The WASP operated in the United States between September 1942 and December 1944, relieving male pilots for combat duty. They were civil servants, although they woke to reveille and marched everywhere they went, Stebbins said.

They went through seven months of basic, primary and advanced training, the same as male pilots. According to the WASP national archive at Texas Woman's University, 1,074 of 1,830 accepted pilots graduated from training. More than 25,000 applied. The program was ended when the men began coming home, despite a bill already before Congress to militarize the WASP. In 1977 they were finally given veterans' status after a number of the WASP pilots successfully lobbied for the recognition.

The WASP trained at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, then were stationed at U.S. bases. Missions included testing aircraft, ferrying planes, and towing targets to give ground and air gunners practice with live ammunition.

Stebbins began training in Texas in January 1944 and later was assigned to Grand Island Army Air Base, Neb., where

her unit's mission was to prepare personnel for overseas duty. She often flew the C-45, a twin-engine transport, but her ambition was to check out as first pilot on the four-engine B-17 bomber. She did log one flight as first pilot of the famous Flying Fortress.

For a pilot, going from single or twin engines to four engines is a jump, she explained. "It's not a giant step for mankind but it's a big step."

The B-17 was a "plane with no vices," Stebbins said, so forgiving that her only worry when flying it was that if she ever had to bail out, "it would land peacefully by itself in a cornfield."

"I thought it a distinct possibility that it would be capable of landing itself," she said. "Not so of other planes. A '17 could come in on a glide. The B-25 had to be flown all the way to the ground. I flew it only as co-pilot. The C-45 was easy to fly, but I don't picture it landing itself either."

But Stebbins knows first-hand that planes don't land themselves and bailing out was an ever-present danger. In fact, two of the 38 women who lost their lives while serving in the WASP were her roommates and best friends at Sweetwater. One was returning from her first solo in an AT-6 and collided with another plane. The other parachuted from her plane as smoke billowed from the engine, but she was too low to land safely.

It fell to Stebbins to escort their bodies home. The Army paid the train fare and gave her a flag for the families, with whom she stayed in touch after the war. Sixty-six years later, she put on the same uniform she wore to her friends' funerals to accept the Gold Medal.

Stebbins' year in the WASP was marked by strong relationships with the people she served with, and not just the women. The

men, she said, "treated us with respect and kindness and friendship."

When it ended, she returned to her job at Esso in New York, where she edited the employee newspaper, the Esso Manhattan. She later worked at the Olympia News in Washington. In 1950 she married Robert H. Stebbins, a geologist whose career would take them to a mining camp in Washington, and to posts in California, New York, Texas, Utah and Alaska.

Her son Paul Stebbins says his mother regards life as an adventure and that when you see what you love, you go for it. Like flying — and literature and writing. Initially she commuted to Sweet Briar from Richmond, but lived in a single room in Randolph for her last two years. She went home on weekends, but during the week ate meals with friends and frequently attended lectures and events.

Paul Stebbins said it was like her to immerse herself in the experience. "Why would you rob yourself of the opportunity?" he said, adding that his father, who died in 2006, didn't mind. "My father thought that was the most wonderful thing on earth — yet another reason to be amazed by this woman I love."

He believes his mother is typical of her generation, the one Tom Brokaw wrote about in "The Greatest Generation." She'll never brag about her accomplishments, because she sees no reason to. It's what he finds so special about her: The sense that to her everyone can do something remarkable.

"She would say we should not be surprised by the capacity of ordinary people to do wonderful things."

Worlds Worlds

The 2010 senior art show, "Worlds Within Worlds," unveiled the depth of thought, skill and creativity of six graduating seniors. The collection exhibited a wide range of media and styles including photography, oil paintings, drawings in charcoal, pencil and pen and ink, and mixed media works. The seniors coordinated publicity for the show and prepared all of their own works for hanging, a project they worked on for months before their debut. Each year, the campus community anticipates the opening of the senior show, and this year's display provided an exceptional view into the artistic worlds of these six students. View more of "Worlds Within Worlds" at worldswithinworlds.tumblr.com.



Meredith Paysinger **Paradox**

Meredith Paysinger

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA



I am inspired by the natural beauty of the surrounding world. From an early age, I have had a strange connection with the curious nature of animals, which is revealed in the focus of my work. I enjoy the

simplicity and beauty of nature, whether it is the depths of an ocean or the top of a mountain. When I create my work, I definitely go somewhere else in my mind, as if I am in that particular place or in the animal's mind, feeling its emotions. I want people to look at my art and see what I see, which is the rare and unbelievable presence of the earth's amazing creatures and their natural realm of life. I want the viewer to feel as if they are within the world of the painting. I believe the Earth speaks to everyone, and if we just take the time to listen, we will hear what it is saying.

I am open to trying all forms of art, though I gravitate toward oil painting. I like blending colors to find new ones and trying things to make a project come alive. I see a dreamlike quality within my art, which is not purposely done, but it's something that takes a life of its own. Thinking about it now, on some subconscious level I may dream of living a life free of what being a human entails; a life full of adventure. I believe it's important to dream, living each moment with wonder, curiosity and amazement.

Malone Roberts

JENKS, OKLAHOMA



The majority of my artwork in this collection is inspired by architecture. At the beginning of the fall semester, I struggled with creating artwork that genuinely expressed my vision as an artist. I explored a variety of different ideas, techniques and mediums, yet nothing I created resonated with me. That is, until I looked to architecture for inspiration. The overwhelming beauty of the architectural structures spoke to me, and I was able to find my voice. I have especially been stimulated by the architectural design of old cathedrals. The intricate details, awe-inspiring craftsmanship and grandiose form have been

the source of inspiration in this collection. My artwork is not a literal translation of the structures that inspired me, but instead an abstract compilation of their lines, shapes and forms.

I have also incorporated my digital design skills and graphic design background into this collection. I have used text to create images and then used a transfer technique to incorporate my computer artwork into a more traditional setting. I took a more contemporary approach with these pieces, which forced me to loosen my control over the fate of the work.

My relationship with Jesus Christ is one that envelops my life and defines me as a person. Because God is the center of my being and influences all that I am and accomplish, the spiritual — which so strongly defines me — naturally translates into my artwork.



Malone Roberts **Transcending Presence**



Bryca Brewer

TULSA, OKLAHOMA



As humans, we dream when we are asleep, but also when we are awake and unattached mentally to anything around us. These dreams are often bits of memories coupled with fantasy and things otherworldly. The focus

of my recent body of work has been to transform my dreams and memories into works of art.

Making these fleeting and often shadow images into drawings is not an easy task; the original idea is not always the best or most informative. In moving from smaller drawings into larger ones with some of my pieces I was able to transform the drawings slowly into the stories I wished to tell. For instance, *Life Within Ruins* has a small and large version, both related yet distinct in their own right. From the smaller to the larger, I changed certain details in order to make my memories of Rome, as well as the images from my imagination, stand out separately, but also remain reliant upon each other in order to make the story whole. This piece evokes the spectacular life of the Romans and their great conquests that fell by the wayside, yet it depicts that new life emerged and flourished among the ruins.

In pulling from my personal life I've tried to make my work more emotional, connectable and interesting to myself and my viewers.

Caiti Kuczynski

WILLIAMSPORT, MARYLAND



The line between fantasy and reality is a fine one. I sometimes find it difficult to differentiate between the two worlds, but as an artist I find this trait helpful most of the time.

Motorcyclists are such illusive creatures. They have an air of mystery, danger and an undeniable level of "cool" that fascinates me.

With this romanticized perception, I set out on my most recent photographic journey. However, after a couple of months of shooting, reality set in. I had to deal with the fact that these people were indeed "real." Weeks of criticism made me doubt at times whether I would be able to express my fascination, and capture for my audience the mystery and elusive nature that I saw. A momentary feeling that I had been defeated by reality forced me to strike back by diving deeper into fantasy.

During my struggles with the Biker project, I set forth on a new endeavor. I decided to turn my friends and classmates into fairy tale characters. My goal in this project was to re-create scenes from some of my favorite stories and make the characters seem more tangible by turning college students into damsels in distress. By creating these imaginary worlds and successfully capturing them with my camera lens, I was able to better see the target I had been missing with my Bikers, allowing me to reach a turning point in my work.

In these most recent bodies of work I have attempted to show two different yet connected concepts. With my Bikers I have taken reality and sculpted it to match my fantasy, showing my viewers the magic and intrigue I see when I look at my new friends. In my interpretations of classic fairy tales, I have explored the world of fantasy and brought it much closer to reality. Instead of seeing the impossibilities of these timeless characters, I hope my audience can now see real human beings in the same fantastic situations.

In my opinion, the connection between these two concepts lies in the constant struggle between fact and fiction. The ability to jump back and forth between the two with the use of my camera is what fuels and inspires me most as an aspiring artist. I now know that through my craft I can create and display my own interpretation of the world, whether it is real, fictitious or somewhere in-between.

Caiti Kuczynski
Cool to the Touch



Madeline Davis

NORFOLK VIRGINIA



Light fascinates me and I wonder at its infinite capabilities. It has the capacity to sustain life, to change a mood dramatically, to alter people's emotions or feelings or to spotlight an otherwise ordinary object

and make it extraordinary.

With photography, light is crucial. The eye conveys an image to the mind. Through the magic of light, photography enables that image to appear on paper. A single person can, from a mere rectangle of information, create something multitudes can appreciate. Light makes the seemingly impossible, possible.

In my photography, light is the subject. I marvel at the way it can make the most common objects beautiful; the way light makes a glass on the table seem magical or a doorway seem like a portal to the beyond. As light is the focus of my series of photographs and not a mere element, all other components of the photograph are secondary.

I will forever be amazed by light's beauty and will strive to use photography to depict light as I see it.

Ashleigh Hawkins

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA



Up until this year, I have always made art in the same way: using the same techniques, using the same materials, and creating a specific motif that can be recognizable anywhere. I have a defined style when I paint and when I draw, both with charcoal and ink. This semester, I branched out by using new materials and mediums. Both aspects of my art until this point in time are represented in this show: the past and the new. Although I continue to love creating traditional works such as oil on canvas, charcoal on paper, and using pen and ink, the new mediums force me to experiment and come up with new ways to express my ideas and feelings.

It is in this way that I feel freer, more ambitious and even more excited about creating art.

In each of my self-portraits, I bring attention to internal growth, intimate emotion and the challenge of overcoming pain. The organic nature of each piece shows that even through the most difficult circumstances, the artist within me continues to persevere and grow. Love, compassion and the influence of the natural world calms even the most troubled heart.

Questioning who I am and why I am here lies at the root of my existence. My images have a confident and austere nature that confronts the viewers by asking them if they know the answers to these very questions pertaining to themselves. Through colors and contrasts, I strive to create images that reflect the details of a reality that I am constantly searching for. I discover a small piece of it every day.



Ashleigh Hawkins **It's the Humidity**

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Gladys Wester Horton '30, Elizabeth "Jackie" Bond Wood '34 and Nancy Dowd Burton '46 were, individually and together, forces to be reckoned with in whatever project they undertook. Now deceased, Sweet Briar celebrates the legacy they began 50 years ago with the invention of the Boxwood Circle society.

In the 1959-60 academic year, these three alumnae wanted to bring giving to a new high. They pooled their talents for fundraising. Wood looked at the impressive circle of 31 boxwoods in front of Sweet Briar House and saw the inspiration for the name of the new giving society. Their impressive goal that year was to find 31 alumnae who would each contribute \$1,000 or more to Sweet Briar College. Possessing such tireless determination and enthusiasm, perhaps they were not surprised at all to meet such resounding success. In 2010 the Boxwood Circle celebrates 50 years of existence.

When Wood was presented with the Outstanding Alumna Award in 1970, she said, "...our role as alumnae should be to give to the College four of its primary needs: interpretation, ideas, students and money." That statement sums up the drive the three had for helping Sweet Briar continue to provide for other young women the exceptional education that they had experienced.

The vision of these founding members for a giving society exceeded all expectations. Thanks to the leadership of Wood, Horton and Burton, and so many other dedicated alumnae leaders over the next 50 years, the Boxwood Circle has grown from an ambitious goal of securing 31 leadership givers at \$1,000 in 1960 to securing 318 leadership givers in 2009. Giving levels have risen to include \$5,000 and \$10,000, now the Fountain Society and Column Society respectively, and gifts at the Boxwood level are between \$2,500 and \$5,000 annually. These gifts are a vital source of support for the College. Those who gave to the Annual Fund last year at the Boxwood Circle level or above raised a total of \$1,885,573 in unrestricted support for the College. That is over 80 percent of the total Annual Fund!

This year's Boxwood Circle is led by Kimberley *McGraw* Euston '92. Euston is enthusiastic about her continuing connection with Sweet Briar.

"The Boxwood Circle, as a leadership giving program, creates one of the strongest ties you can have with Sweet Briar once you have graduated," she said. "I don't know of anyone who didn't feel the tearing of a beloved bond at graduation, a sense of loss because of the extraordinary experience we had as students. Part of that loss was about traditions. It doesn't have to be a loss. Committing to Sweet Briar at a leadership giving level keeps you firmly entwined with the College and brings you incomparably closer with the greatest Sweet Briar tradition of all, upon which this College was founded by Indiana Fletcher Williams: philanthropy. This is the truest, purest tradition at Sweet Briar."

Euston, along with the Boxwood Circle Committee comprising 16 alumnae volunteers, has a goal of 320 leadership members for 2010.

The 50th anniversary celebration in April paid respect to the founders of the society, as well as the many dedicated volunteers who have contributed to the continued success of the Boxwood Circle over the years. To honor this milestone, do your part through giving and volunteer service to ensure that the Boxwood Circle moves forward toward another 50 remarkable years of distinguished achievement in support of the College.

Wood, Horton and Burton gave a firm start to a giving society that would support Sweet Briar into the future, long past their years of service. They pass on an inspiring tradition of sustaining the future of the College so many of us love.



Gladys Wester Horton '30



Elizabeth "Jackie" Bond Wood '34



Nancy Dowd Burton '46



Grounds superintendent Donna Meeks takes Boxwood celebration guests on a tour of the President's Garden.



Winnie Leigh Hamlin '58, Allison Garrison '10 and John Risher at the celebration luncheon.



Sweet Briar senior Laura Jett sits with Ann Morrison Reams '42 and Sarah Murdock Moore '59 at the 50th Anniversary Boxwood Luncheon.



Boxwood Circle Giving Choir Kimberly McGraw Euston '92 and her daughter Katherine at Sweet Briar House.

Carrie Brown is the author of the novels *Rose's Garden*, *Lamb in Love*, *The Hatbox Baby*, *Confinement* and *The Rope Walk*, as well as the short story collection *The House on Belle Isle*. She has received the Barnes and Noble Discover Award, the Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize and a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship. She has twice been the recipient of the Library of Virginia Book of the Year Award.



Over the spring semester, Banister Writer-in-Residence Carrie Brown taught three award-winning books in her advanced fiction workshop: *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro; *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout; and *The Thing Around Your Neck* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Brown chose these texts not only for their powerful, expertly written prose, but also because she felt a strong personal connection with them.

"I've read all of Alice Munro's work," she said, "and my admiration for her has only deepened over the years. Strout's *Olive Kitteridge* was given to me by a friend long before it won the Pulitzer Prize, and I fell in love with the book. I've been a one-woman distributorship for it. I think I've given away about fifty copies to women who mean something to me. It's a perfect book for female readers because it's so much about a woman's experience in the world. And Adichie's work, though it is the work of a writer much younger than Munro or Strout, shows intellect and energy and range and heart, and I'm full of admiration for those qualities."

Brown also wanted students to see how the sensibility of these writers might have been influenced by their age and background, she said. In *Too Much Happiness*, Alice Munro is writing at 79, with

the wisdom of her age and a wealth of experiences to include in this collection of stories, many of which are dark and terrifying, yet at the same time full of beauty and majesty. Strout, 54, is writing in her prime. Her work often focuses around the American small-town existence, and *Olive Kitteridge* is full of everyday tragedies and joys. Adichie, born in 1977, is a young Nigerian writer, bringing vitality and insight into a foreign culture many of us have not experienced.

Many of the stories in the texts focus on the lives of women and their particular place in the world and in society. When *Too Much Happiness* won the Man Booker Prize in 2009, Jane Smiley wrote in her announcement speech: "Alice Munro understands and communicates that a moral life full of drama can be lived by any woman, in fact, must be lived by every woman. To read her work is to see lives from the inside that in another author's work might appear meaningless and unimportant – such is her capacity for empathy." Strout and Adichie take on a similar task to Munro's, writing characters with nuanced and realistic experiences who suffer quietly in lives full of drama and meaning.

"I think all three of these books are towering works," Brown said. "That's not an adjective typically used to describe the lives of women

Advanced Fiction with Carrie Brown

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in fiction. That kind of moral majesty is more often ascribed to works by and about men. Yet the complex, moral dimension of the work of all three of these writers is profound; these are very big and important books about the human experience. There's nothing diminutive or quiet about them. For young women writers to be reading the works of authors who see the lives of women in this important way can't help but be an inspiration. I want students to feel that their own lives, their own imaginations, are important."

Brown hopes that her students will fall in love with the stories she teaches, that by reading them, they will gain skill in their own writing and appreciation of the craft in general, but also an enlarged understanding of humanity. It's through the experience of reading, she said, that students are connected to the part of themselves that helps to inspire their own stories.

"The experience of empathy one has as a reader is the same as the experience of empathy that is critical to the making of stories," she said. "The experience of being moved by a story -- the pure astonishment and magic of that -- is often the experience that makes

someone want to write in the first place. The struggle, again and again, to say the thing that feels inexpressible, to find language for the complexity of felt experience, is thrilling and mysterious."

In any fiction workshop, Brown said, students learn from their own writing and from reading the work of their peers, but they also -- almost unavoidably -- learn from the texts they read. "Students will learn much more from their own experience as readers," she said. "their own encounters with stories -- and all the dawning amazement contained in that encounter -- than they will learn from someone trying to tell them in an abstract way how it's done." Every story provides a model for original creation, she said.

"It's a little bit like standing under a wave as it washes over you. You absorb the complex aspects of storytelling from these books and bring everything that has soaked into you to the next story you try to write. The experience is cumulative and exponential. Students become more and more sophisticated as readers and writers as they read and write."

Carrie Brown, Ph.D. | Staff



Homecoming

SEPTEMBER 24-25

Play

Once upon a time you were a student at Sweet Briar without a care in the world. That may seem like a long time ago, but a few days on campus can bring it all right back. Playing all day without a care is what Homecoming is all about. So call your classmates and see who's up for a trip back to the Patch. Get out and play. **Play somewhere you love.**

Honor

Traditions. They connect us and call us back to what is real and true. Step Singing, Lantern Bearing and lifelong friendships. Magic. These are the stories we'll never forget and the ones we'll talk about forever. Founders and friendships, legends and leaders, teachers and teammates: They are still here and will inspire you once again. **Honor something you love.**

Connect

It's easy to get caught up in our hectic schedules and endless to-do lists. Luckily there is a whole weekend at Sweet Briar dedicated to connecting you with a place you love. So this fall, come back to Homecoming. Laugh, listen, share and simply soak up the beautiful surroundings of a campus so breathtaking and vibrant that it still fills up your heart. **Connect with somewhere you love.**

Learn

Remember when you were a student at Sweet Briar? You were a dreamer, an explorer, a creator, a researcher. Every day you set out to learn new ideas, new languages and new cultures. All of those discoveries and more are still here at Sweet Briar. **Learn something new at a place you love.**

Fireworks • Homecoming Boxed Lunch Picnic at the Boathouse • Saturday Evening Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing • In-House Horse Show Varsity Soccer Game • Alumnae Tennis Social • Varsity Field Hockey Alumnae Soccer Game • Alumnae Swim Meet • Alumnae Volleyball Game • Alumnae Field Hockey Game

The Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates Luncheon, with special guests the Keystone Society, Silver Rose Society, Boxwood Circle, and Bell Tower Society • Founders' Day Convocation and walk to Monument • Traditions Panel • Athletics Hall of Fame Reception • 2010 Distinguished Alumna Award

Alumnae Association Board Meetings • Founders' Day Community Picnic • Alumnae and Student Coffee House • Gold Star Volunteer Panel • Post-game tailgates co-sponsored by the Parents Steering Committee and Friends of Athletics Parents

Celebrity Jeopardy! • Annual Giving Volunteer Training • Seventh Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta • Homecoming Alumnae College: African American History and Slave Graveyards on Campus • Marker Dedication and Service of Remembrance at the Slave Cemetery

See the complete schedule and register online



Homecoming Registration Form

Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2010

Name _____ Class _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Preferred Name (FOR NAME TAG) _____

Name of Guest _____ Relation _____

Guest Preferred Name (FOR NAME TAG) _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Preferred E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

We will post your name on the Alumnae Association Web site as planning to attend Homecoming. If you would prefer that we not post your name on the Web site, please initial here _____.

Please return this form by Friday, September 3 to:

Boxwood Alumnae House, Box 1055, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 — or by fax to 434.381.6132.
Registrations and fees are also accepted online at www.sbc.edu/alumnae/homecoming.html

Payment Options

The cost for the weekend is \$75 per person and includes all meals and advertised activities. Overnight accommodations should be booked and paid for separately by alumnae and guests.

Please indicate the number of people attending each meal:

Friday, September 24, 2010:

_____ Founders' Day Community Picnic

Saturday, September 25, 2010:

_____ Breakfast at Prothro Dining Hall

_____ Homecoming Boxed Lunch Picnic at the Boathouse

_____ Cocktails and Dinner Dance

Please indicate how you would like to pay your registration fees:

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Check made payable to "Sweet Briar Alumnae Association"

_____ Please charge my debit/credit card \$ _____.

Name on Card

MasterCard/Visa # Exp. Date 3 digit security code

Signature

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strategic planning

JO ELLEN PARKER
PRESIDENT

The Values

Throughout the fall of 2009, I conducted “conversation circles” with three key constituencies: faculty, first-year students and alumnae. Several themes emerged from these sessions powerfully and insistently. The faculty spoke of

the importance of high standards for student achievement. First-year students expressed a desire for confidence and competence. And many of you as alumnae emphasized the friendships you forged at Sweet Briar, the beauty of the campus and the way your education prepared you for a lifetime of unexpected opportunities.

The vision that emerges is of a college where young women discover and learn

to respect their own abilities and prepare for a lifetime of adaptation and change, through the high aspirations their faculty hold out for them and in an environment of natural beauty and enduring friendship. If our strategic plan promotes and supports a culture of excellence, confident and resourceful graduates, and an expanded network of women active in business, academics and civic life who are proud to say they are Sweet Briar women, we will have done well.

The Process

Until quite recently, academic “strategic planning” meant that institutions would convene a large number of large committees, which would dedicate two years to developing a comprehensive five- or 10-year plan. Current good practice looks rather different. Now, the recommended approach involves an active planning phase of six or nine months, focused on specific challenges, contexts and opportunities; rolling implementation of programs or pilots as soon as circumstances permit; and an iterative approach in which data are used annually to assess progress, revise planned activities, adjust goals and redirect efforts.

Our strategic planning process will therefore move quickly, focus on specific questions, be informed by data and metrics, and will assume rapid implementation and iterative review. In the end, *strategic planning* must identify the results we hope to achieve. Subsequent *operational planning* will focus on the activities we intend to undertake to produce those results and the ways in which we will measure our progress.

The Questions

There are questions that need to frame our efforts. They are not the only questions that could be asked, but they are the questions that must take priority at this time.

How can we balance our facilities, resources, student body, faculty and staff to create a sustainable financial model for the College?

Whom should Sweet Briar aspire to serve in coming years? Should we educate more women of non-traditional age? Should we expand to serve more students from

particular ethnic or religious communities, first generation attenders, or students who identify with a particular interest or activity? Where are there students who could benefit from a Sweet Briar education, but who are not currently finding us?

What are our strongest competitive advantages? Where do our strengths resonate most strongly with what today’s students and their families care most about?

Programmatically, how can we ensure that our academic program incorporates the technological tools and resources that represent the current state of practice for young scholars in each discipline?

Our answers to these questions will allow us to envision a Sweet Briar that is operating sustainably, competing effectively, engaging new populations and producing liberally educated *and* digitally sophisticated graduates.

Our goal is to produce, through both strategic and operational planning:

1. A realistic model for a Sweet Briar that is sustainable in the present and which has significant potential for growth.
2. A vision of a more inclusive student body and a marketing strategy which is aligned with that vision.
3. An approach for distinguishing Sweet Briar in a highly competitive marketplace.
4. A program which gives liberally educated graduates the technological sophistication they need for academic, professional and civic achievement.

The plan will be effective only to the extent that it accurately captures the aspirations and values of the entire community. Imagination, research, frankness and a delicate balance of caution and ambition will be required to seize this opportunity.

Opportunities

We want you, as alumnae, to be involved. Every one of you, no matter when you attended Sweet Briar, what you have done since you left campus, and how involved you have or have not been in the past. We’ve set up a survey so that your ideas and feedback can be incorporated into our planning. The survey is online, easily accessible, and will take no longer than 20 minutes for you to complete. If you are unable to participate online, please simply contact the alumnae office at 434.381.6131. We will immediately send a copy of the survey to you through the mail.

Also, we have dedicated an area online to keep you up-to-date on our planning. We invite you to visit strategicplan.blog.sbc.edu, where you can follow along with each of the study groups that is under way.

Finally, I would like to say that the energy, intelligence and dedication that the campus community has brought to this process is inspiring. In the months since the study groups were convened the campus has been buzzing with interesting ideas, provocative questions, new data and optimism. There is no question that this race is off to a very solid start, and that we have a winning team on the track.

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Just say “yes!”



It is the beginning of Sweet Briar's fiscal year and the timing could not be more perfect for you to re-engage with Sweet Briar! Here's how you can become more active with the College. . .

Volunteer. Stay engaged with the College through volunteering. Share your career knowledge with students interested in your field through work with career services. Reconnect with your classmates by serving as a member of your class giving committee in Reunion or host a young alumnae phanathan. Serve as a member of the Parent Steering Committee. English *Griffith Kaantz '95*, Annual Giving chair says, "I enjoy volunteering for Sweet Briar. For me, it is an opportunity to give back a little to the institution that gave so very much to me. Additionally, it is a delight to meet and get to know students, alumnae and friends of the College—and to get back to campus for visits!"

Give. Make your best gift to the Annual Fund every year. The Annual Fund comprises unrestricted gifts that impact each facet of the Sweet Briar College experience. Unrestricted gifts are crucial to the success of the College and provide essential necessities such as student scholarships, faculty and staff salaries, academic programs, and other less exciting but equally important needs. So when you hear the phone ring and see Sweet Briar or a classmate's name on the caller I.D. this fall, please answer the phone. Now more than ever, your gift to the Annual Fund makes a difference!

Come back. Return to campus for Homecoming, Reunion or Families weekends. Each weekend is action-packed and provides a wonderful opportunity for you to see old friends, make new ones, and take a tour of campus to see what has changed and what has remained the same. Or, visit whenever! There is always something going on and we would love to see you. The gates are always open!

Just as the value of a Sweet Briar degree is always related to the most recent graduating class their opportunity to succeed is directly related to you and your commitment to the College. So this year commit to saying "yes!" to volunteering, to giving, to coming back and to Sweet Briar!

'Til the Cows Come Home. . .

The cows all came home during the **SBC Annual Fund's Third Annual Philanthropy Week**, March 1-5, 2010. Both local and Sweet Briar artists were invited to participate in Philanthropy Week by painting "art cows," which consisted of two-dimensional plywood cow cutouts. These art cows were the Annual Fund's tribute to the Sweet Briar College Dairy that was in operation for over 40 years. The herd of more than 30 cows went on parade and moo-ved from place to place during the week.

On Thursday, March 4, the SBC Art Cows moo-ved to greener pastures when they were put on the auction block during the live Art Cow Auction. For those who attended the auction, a wonderful time was had by all! Bidding was fierce with the most sought after cow, a mini moo by SBC art professor Laura Pharis, selling for more than \$350! The Art Cow Auction was just one event out of a wonderful week of activities highlighting supporters of Sweet Briar and the power of philanthropy.

To check out other highlights and to view more photos from this year's Philanthropy Week, visit www.annualfund.sbc.edu/PhilanthropyWeek!



mini REUNIONS



Alumnae celebrated the wedding of Susan Snodgrass Wynne's son on Amelia Island, Fla., on May 9, 2009. Left to right: Lisa Nelson Robertson '76, Sally Old Kitchin '76, Greyson Shuff Tucker '72, Kathy Upchurch Takvorian '72, Margaret Hayes Brunstad '72, Susan Snodgrass Wynne '72, Rhonda Griffith Durham '72, and Ginger Upchurch Collier '72.



Left to right: Sarah Kingsley Foley '99, Molly Reeb Nissman '77, and Jane Reeb Shart '74 met at the Norfolk area YMCA luncheon.



A group of alumnae attended Barbara Perry's speech at the U.S. Supreme Court in April. Perry is the Carter Glass Professor of Government at Sweet Briar.



Cindy McKay '78, left, met Barbara Paulsan Gaadbarn '83, right, at the NCAA Division III Regional Cross Country Race where Cindy's son, Kevin Frick, and Barb's daughter, Biz Gaadbarn, were running.



Sweet Briar students accompanied financial aid officer Wanda Spradley to the General Assembly in Richmond to lobby for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant and met with Senator Patsy Smith Ticer '55. Left to right: Wanda Spradley '10, Whitney Waller '13, Patsy Smith Ticer '55, Michelle Messier '12, and Emily Masiello '11.



Jane Lauderdale Armstrong '78, center, and her husband Mike, left, reunited unexpectedly with Cindy McKay '78. Jane and Cindy were roommates at Sweet Briar.

weddings



Tori Hanks '06 married Doug LaBrosse (HSC '06) on Nov. 21, 2009, in Charlotte, N.C. Several members of the Class of 2006 attended the celebration, including (left to right) Henslee Evans, Olivia Ungerer, Hollylane Riley, Sara Caffey and Shanith Ramesh.



Christopher Chamblin (HSC '97) and Lyndsay Wray Welsh '05 were married on Aug. 9, 2008, at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Va. Left to right: Kelli Bergmann Thomasson '04, Meredith Shaw Hansen '04, Katie A. Niemeier '05, Courtney Pfaff Kimble '03, Lyndsay Welsh Chamblin '05, Angela Grisby '03, Krystal Dean Tucker '05, Ashley Forehand '05, Laura Pearson '04, Laura Wolf '11.



Maggie Saylor '07 married Martin Patrick on Aug. 29, 2009.



Jessica Mercier '06 and Mike Andryshak were married on Aug. 1, 2009 at Mountain Meadows Lodge in Killington, Vt.



Gwen Oller Bomboy '89 married Greg Hess on May 5, 2009. After a honeymoon to Disney World, they're making their home in Stone Ridge, Va.



Erin M. Dennehy '06 married Jason M. Kopczyk on May 17, 2008, at Waldenwoods in Hartland, Mich., where they celebrated the day with close family and friends.



Victoria Chappell '06 was wed on April 4, 2009, to David Harvey III in Normandy, France. The service took place in a historic chapel and the reception was held on the grounds of Victoria's family home, where they were surrounded by close family and friends.

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On September 12, 2009, Sarah Belanger '01 married David Levinson (W&L '00). Natasha Nickadem Stevens '01 was the matron of honor. Christine Rangel '01 and Casey Perlow '02 were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were Misa Sarmiento '02, Allison Funkhouser '03, Maria Kitchin '04, Vicki Zak Rosenthal '00, Grace Turner Creasey '01, Whitney Bryant '02 and Heather Brown Evans '86. (Left to right) Misa Sarmiento, Allison Funkhouser, Maria Kitchin, Natasha Nickadem Stevens, Sarah Belanger Levinson, Vicki Zak Rosenthal, Grace Turner Creasey, Casey Perlow, Whitney Bryant, Christine Rangel.

AMIE SUSANAH



Nancy Kleinhans '06 and Christopher Carr married at Snow Shoe Ski Resort in W. Va.

bookshelf



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Weekend

October 15-17, 2010

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www.ccl.sbc.edu/general/families_weekend.html

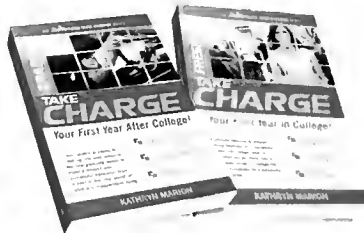
NEW LOOK:

In the fall of 2010, your alumnae magazine will become the Sweet Briar Magazine and will have a completely new look! Watch for changes to feature articles, photographs and design.

CORRECTION:

In the Winter 2009/2010 issue, page 3, Judith Shapiro should be listed as former president of Barnard College, not Bryn Mawr.

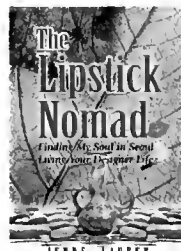
GRADS: TAKE CHARGE of Your First Year After College! Kathryn Marion '84, QwikSmarts Publishing, an imprint of Real Solutions Press, LLC, 2009. During college, Cliff's Notes helped you survive your exams, but where are they when you *really* need them ... in real life? *Grads: Take Charge* is like getting summaries of all the best advice from over a dozen other books for new young professionals. It covers more than 140



topics from careers to credit to cooking and everything in between to make navigating the real world of work and independent living less stressful and more successful. And it's all presented in fast-reading, bulleted action-item lists, which are perfect for the sound-bite generation. *Grads: Take Charge* won finalist honors in the National Best Books 2009 Awards in two categories.

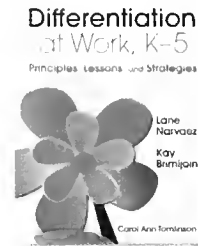
The Lipstick Nomad, Jenne Lauren '01, Eloquent Books 2010. *The Lipstick Nomad* invites you to live your own Designer Life — one where wisdom, righteousness and the narrow path of love lead to finding your true self — and in doing so, inspire others to do the same.

Lauren's book is a delight for all your senses as she incorporates virtual soundtracks, films, books and recipes; beautiful fabrics; scintillating fragrances; a map of notorious and colorful places; and a workbook for creating your own Designer Life.



Written with fire, love and the unquenchable desire for adventure, *The Lipstick Nomad* will paint a tapestry of true beauty within your heart.

Differentiation at Work, K-5, Principles, Lessons, and Strategies, Kay Brimijoin,



associate professor of education, and Lane Narvez, Corwin Press 2010. Based on research and the authors' experiences at one remarkable elementary school, this book describes what schoolwide

differentiation looks like in practice. The authors show school administrators and teachers how differentiated curriculum and instruction can be successfully implemented schoolwide. They share data that shows significant gains in school achievement as a result of the emphasis on staff development focused on differentiation. Included in the book are nine lesson plans from a range of grade levels and disciplines, reflective dialogues with teachers about refining their design of curriculum and instruction, and examples of how coaching teachers on differentiation improves their abilities to meet a range of learning needs in today's classrooms.

Plato's Ghost, Spiritualism in the American Renaissance, Cathy Gutierrez, associate professor of religion, Oxford University Press 2009. *Plato's Ghost* examines the Spiritualist movement as the legacy of European

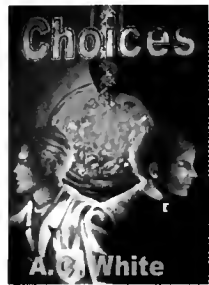


esoteric speculation, particularly Platonic ideals, transformed on a new continent. The movement, Gutierrez says, was a "renaissance of the Renaissance," a culture in love with history as much as it trumpeted progress and the future, and an expression of what constituted religious hope amidst burgeoning technology and colonialism.

Gutierrez analyzes Spiritualist conceptions of memory, marriage, medicine and finally nascent psychology. In each she finds echoes of Plato, pulling time backward even as it marched toward a brighter future.

Recent Deaths

Choices, A. C. White (Anna "Chips" Chao Pai '57). Dorrance Publishing Co. Inc. 2009. A team of scientists have



isolated an enzyme that allows them to clone anything or anybody that was once alive, as long as they have the complete

set of DNA. This means being able to clone and bring to life any individual who is dead or an extinct species if there is a source of their DNA. Scientists could clone Abraham Lincoln from the blood on his shirt when he was assassinated, or Jesus Christ from the blood gathered during his crucifixion — which a church in Italy claims to possess. But what would be the consequences of such technology? *Choices* explores, through the eyes of Dr. Ellen Chen, the head of the team, what the potential of such genetic cloning would mean to society. The book also depicts the politics of academia at the highest levels, and the pressures on scientists to be productive and to publicize discoveries before competing laboratories can do so. The pressures can be extreme, sometimes resulting in catastrophic effects on the young scientists involved.

1933

Elizabeth Maare
Mrs. Elizabeth V. Maare
January 1, 2010

1935

Marion Walker
Dr. Marion Walker
Alcara
December 13, 2009

Sarah Turpin
Mrs. Al Senecal
October 24, 2009

1938

Josephine Happ
Mrs. Spain Willingham
April 15, 2010

1939

Elizabeth Barnes
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bird
February 11, 2010

Mary Buchanan
Mrs. George H.
Flowers, Jr.
March 16, 2010

1940

Margaret Woods
Mrs. M. W. Gillette
November 8, 2008

H. S. (Stuart) Hensley
Mrs. Gilbert H.
Woodward
December 29, 2009

1941

Carolyn Spivey
Mrs. Carolyn Spivey
Wilson
October 22, 2009

1942

Ruth Hensley
Mrs. Joshua F. B.
Camblos
December 31, 2009

Mary Ellen Thampson
Mrs. Mary Ellen Beach
Ela
October 8, 2009

Frances Meek
Mrs. John E. Rawe
November 18, 2009

Joanne Oberkirch
Ms. Joanne Willis
October 25, 2009

Barbara Freking
Miss Barbara Freking
August 25, 2008

1943

Nancy Pingree
Mrs. Emerson H. Drake
October 22, 2009

Fayette McDowell
Mrs. W. Roscoe Willett,
Jr.
June 5, 2009

1944

Darathy Beuttell
Mrs. E. Chatfield
Blakeman
December 18, 2009

1945

Martha Holton
Mrs. Donald G. Glesser
May 26, 2009

Joanne "Jadie" Margan
Mrs. James R. Hartman
March 18, 2010

Alice Nicalson
Mrs. Alice McIlvaine
September 9, 2009

1946

Mary Vinton
Mrs. Douglas K.
Fleming
February 16, 2010

Evaline Rife
Mrs. Leland Thompson, Jr.
January 7, 2010

Virginia Wynn
Ms. Virginia G. Wynn
February 5, 2010

1947

Anne Webb
Mrs. George H. Mases
February 26, 2009

Marie Holman
Mrs. Douglas A.
Swayze
November 30, 2009

Jean Old
Jean C. Old
March 11, 2010

1948

Margaret McCallum
Ms. Margaret M.
Anderson
November 8, 2005

Suzanne Hardy
Mrs. Suzanne H. B.
Benson
January 19, 2010

Effie Jane Gray
Mrs. Philip A. Starck
January 3, 2010

1949

Catherine "Bunny"
Barnett
Mrs. Walter H. Brown
February 19, 2010

1951

Tsun-Hsien (Sunshine)
Kwan
Mrs. Shantilal P. Bhagat
October 10, 2009

1952

Marjarie Levine
Mrs. Leonard S. Abrams
March 11, 2009

Barbara Hoyt
Mrs. John W. Boyer, Jr.
October 26, 2008

Jane Mattas
Mrs. F. Philip Christian II
November 27, 2009

Nancie McCann
Miss Nancie McCann
March 8, 2010

1953

Gage Bush
Mrs. Richard Englund
January 12, 2009

1954

Barbara Wilson
Mrs. Wilson Daniell
April 1, 2010

1955

Diane Hunt
Mrs. James D. Lawrence
January 26, 2010

1956

Sarah Sharp
Mrs. Sarah S. Taylor
January 24, 2010

Mary Pender
Mrs. Bertram Warren, Jr.
April 5, 2010

Joyce Lenz
Mrs. Hugh H. Young
February 28, 2010

1958

Marian Martin
Mrs. Paul P. Harrison
January 3, 2010

1959

Gretchen Smith
Mrs. Gretchen
Buntschuh
February 1, 2010

Ethel Bruner
Mrs. Carl E. Campbell
January 23, 2010

1960

Griselda Fages
Mrs. Giselle Theberge-
Jeppson
January 15, 2009

1965

Elizabeth Grant
Mrs. Peyton Peters
February 22, 2009

1967

Pamela Sullivan
Mrs. W. Curtis
Livingston III
March 28, 2010

1968

Lee Cooper
Mrs. Bernard H. Schulte
December 13, 2009

1969

Mary Waterman
Mrs. Mary W.
Gildehaus
November 29, 2009

1973

Deborah Smith
Mrs. Deborah S.
Mardelli
February 9, 2010

Barbara Livingston
Ms. Barbara E.
Livingston
August 28, 2009

1976

Alicia Jo Ayotte
Miss Alicia J. Ayatte
December 17, 2009

1996

Katherine Campbell
Ms. Katherine Campbell
Brumley
January 28, 2010

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for the name and address.

In Memoriam



Walter Brown and Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown '49.

Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown '49

The College is saddened to report the death of devoted alumna and former board member Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown. Brown died on the morning of Feb. 19, 2010, at Indian River Medical Center, Vero Beach. For 32 years, she was active in both the Vero Beach, Fla., and Convent Station, N.J., communities.

Brown graduated with a degree in psychology from Sweet Briar in 1949. As a student she was involved in the Bum Chums, Paint 'n' Patches and Chung Mung tap clubs. After college, she went on to become a reporter, working for several newspapers and Time Life.

Brown was an interested and caring alumna who worked tirelessly for Sweet Briar. Long before there was an Alumnae Admissions Representative program, she recruited students for Sweet Briar. She served as a member of the Boxwood Circle Committee, her class's Reunion Gift Committee, a Leadership Donor, the Campaign Leadership Committee and the Development Leadership Council. She organized alumnae events in both her New

Jersey and Florida homes and assisted with Recognition Weekends and FOCUS events. From 1981 to 1985 she served as a member of the Alumnae Association board as editor of the *Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine*. Afterward, she served as the 1949 class secretary, faithfully recording and submitting the class news.

A member of the Keystone Society, Silver Rose Society and the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates, Brown made Sweet Briar a philanthropic priority. In recognition of enduring commitment and devotion to the College she was presented with Sweet Briar's Outstanding Alumna Award in 1992. Brown also influenced others to work for Sweet Briar, most notably her husband Walter H. Brown, who served on the College's board of directors beginning in 1986 and as chairman of the board from 1987 to 1995.

Brown is survived by her husband of 59 years, Walter H. Brown; sons, Walter H. Brown Jr. and Harold G. Brown; daughters, Catherine G. Erickson and Rebecca K. Holmes; sister, Jean Ketcherside; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Sweet Briar College's Memorial Chapel on Sat., June 19, followed by a reception at Sweet Briar House.

Notes of condolence may be sent to: Mr. Walter H. Brown, 119 Silver Moss Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963.

Katherine "Kay" Macdonald
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& ADVANCE

Katherine "Kay" Macdonald, 87, died March 4, 2010, in Yarmouth, Maine. She was the daughter of Arthur Souls and Katherine Cameron Macdonald of Putnam, Conn. Professor Macdonald received her B.S. degree from The Bouve-Boston School of Physical Education, Tufts University (now Northeastern University). After teaching at Abbot Academy in Andover, Mass., she went on to complete a master's degree at the State University of Iowa. Macdonald then began a lifelong career as a teacher, coach and administrator in Virginia at Sweet Briar College, retiring in 1983 as professor emerita. During these years, she took many homesick, troubled and disabled students under her wing, befriending them until they could fly with their classmates.

Kay played a significant role in the development of interscholastic field hockey in Virginia. For many years, she held workshops for area high schools, delivered USFHA loan kits of equipment and hosted international teams and regional tournaments. Leading by example, Macdonald played club hockey for more than 20 years on the Blue Ridge Campus Characters team. As the College's tennis coach, she was instrumental in bringing top tennis coaches to Sweet Briar for summer tennis camps. In 2006, Kay was inducted into the Charter Class of the Sweet Briar Athletics Hall of



Katherine "Kay" Macdonald

Fame in honor of her devotion to Sweet Briar and its athletic success.

After retirement, Macdonald continued her interest in education by taking undergraduate poetry courses, conducting aerobic classes for the faculty and assisting the College in fundraising. She was active in local Audubon activities, the Humane Society and Amherst County Library. Macdonald promoted outdoor activities on campus and received the Golden Shovel Award from the Appalachian Trail Club for her service clearing trails. If there were a blue ribbon for a feline devotee, she would have earned it for her many years of catering to an assortment of beloved feline companions.

Macdonald's travels covered a good part of the globe, with considerable time in the British Isles. Always a champion of the underdog, her worldwide view led to many years of active involvement on behalf of Amnesty International, USA.

For some time after retirement, Macdonald lived in Fayetteville, Pa., then moved to The Highlands in Topsham, Maine. As her health failed, she resided for the past five years at Brentwood R & N Center in Yarmouth, Maine.

Macdonald is survived by two cousins, Sarah Wright, of Sugar Land, Texas, and Joan Roberts, of Baddeck, Nova Scotia; and by many devoted friends, who will miss her easy companionship, many talents, strong code of justice and whimsical sense of humor.

The Rev. Susan Lehman conducted a memorial service in Memorial Chapel at Sweet Briar College.

Macdonald requested that memorial contributions be designated for the Nenah Elinor Fry Presidential Scholarship Fund c/o Sweet Briar College, Box 1057, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

Robert Marshall

The Sweet Briar community was saddened to learn of the death on March 30, 2010, of Robert Marshall, the former director of the College's Junior Year in France program.

Marshall served from 1972 to 1984 as the third director of JYF, which was founded in 1948. He dedicated his career at Sweet Briar College to improving and perfecting the program, said Margaret Scouten, JYF's current director.

He also organized a number of events in observance of the program's 25th anniversary, including the establishment of a 25th

Anniversary Scholarship Fund, a festival on campus and completion of a short history of JYF's first quarter-century. In addition, he arranged for a group of alumni to visit the Elysée Palace in Paris at the special invitation of Claude Jacqueline Pompidou, wife of France's then-president Georges Pompidou.

Those wishing to remember Marshall are asked to consider a memorial to the Robert G. Marshall Scholarship Fund, Junior Year in France, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595, or Christ Church, P.O. Box S, St. Michaels, MD 21663.

Sweet Briar Remembers Beloved Professor, Eleanor Salotto

The College community mourns the loss of Eleanor Salotto, associate professor of English, who died this past winter. Salotto began teaching at Sweet Briar in 1998 and is remembered with fondness by her friends, colleagues, students and alumnae.

Salotto received a B.A. in English and French and an M.A. in English, both from Temple University, and a Ph. D. in English from Bryn Mawr College. She taught 19th-century British literature and film studies at Sweet Briar.

Among Salotto's strongest interests were women's narratives and identity, film noir, film theory and literary theory.

Her accomplishments include her book, "Gothic Returns in Collins, Dickens, Zola and Hitchcock," published by Palgrave in 2006; an introduction for the Barnes and Noble Classic Series edition of Emile Zola's "The Ladies' Paradise;" and articles on that novel as well as on "Frankenstein," "Bleak House" and "Villette." She had been working on a book project linking Darwinian thought and Victorian multi-plot novels.

Lee Piepho, professor of English emeritus, knew Salotto from the very first days of her career at the College and recognized her remarkable life as a professor and scholar. Early in her career, she took on the task of teaching a combination of 18th- and 19th-century literature as well as heading the film studies program, a growing topic of interest among the student body.

Piepho remembers when the English department was searching for a film studies candidate. It was clear that Salotto was the right person, yet, at that point in her career, she needed additional professional development before beginning to teach in the field. She was given a two-year assistant professorship on a trial basis.

"In the summer, she went off and took classes at New York University," he said. "It was remarkable the way she grew. Her accomplishment in the field was quite extraordinary. The permanent results are her book and, of course, the students who studied under her."

On March 23, an informal gathering to reflect on her memory was held at Memorial Chapel for the immediate community.

President Jo Ellen Parker noted Salotto's devotion to her students, academic interests and love of the College. Close friends and colleagues spoke of her unconventional and vibrant personality. They shared unforgettable stories of their friend,

saying in various ways that "Eleanor was Eleanor" — a person of brilliant intellect, deep feeling and mystery.

Parker also recalled the first time she'd met Salotto, 20 years ago. "I had the good fortune to know Eleanor long ago, before we had any idea that we might reconnect again at Sweet Briar.

Eleanor was a graduate student at Bryn Mawr during my days on the faculty

and in the dean's office there. We shared a passionate interest in 19th-century literature and in teaching.

"When I realized she was on the faculty at Sweet Briar, it was a joy to think we would once again be colleagues. She approached me after my first faculty interview with her usual grace and generosity of spirit, offering words of support and encouragement to a nervous job candidate.

"I know many of you have similar memories of the thoughtful kindness of our friend and colleague. We will miss her sorely; how lucky we were to know her!"

Notes of condolence may be sent to Salotto's sister: Carol Watkins, 603 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.



Eleanor Salotto



Zach Kincaid

Media, marketing and communications

Zach Kincaid's first day as the new director of media, marketing and communications was March 29. He and his family moved from Milledgeville, Ga., where he served as director of marketing and publications and taught history at Georgia College & State University.

Kincaid has 15 years of experience in marketing, communications, strategic planning, branding, Web site effectiveness and copy writing. His experience includes 10 years in higher education and several at a promotions and events agency where he served as a marketing coordinator.

In 2008, he managed a campaign that placed eighth in University Business's "50 Best Branding Ideas." He has won several CASE Awards for design and advertising projects and has served as a marketing and Web site consultant for the film industry.

Kincaid will be responsible for creating and leading a comprehensive communications and integrated marketing program that emphasizes Sweet Briar's brand and enhances the visibility of the College.

As a senior staff member, he will counsel the president and senior staff on communications and messaging work. He will work collaboratively across campus to integrate and improve institutional media, marketing and communication initiatives, and to support advancement and recruitment goals.

Kincaid holds a bachelor's in English from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Arts in history from Trinity International University. He and his wife, Heather, and sons Micah, Caleb and Benjamin reside on campus.



Bob Chase Retires to Life of Some Work, Some Play

Mathematics professor Bob Chase is retiring after teaching physics and computer science courses at the College for more than three decades.

Chase and his wife, Kathy *Barnhardt* Chase '67, plan to remain in Amherst, where they reside. As a part owner and now vice president, secretary and treasurer of Rebec Vineyards, he will spend much of his time working in the winery business.

He'll also get to do more fishing, he said. Over the past few years he has trekked to the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana for eight-day horseback and float-fishing trips, and he spent nine days in Alberta and British Columbia, Canada. He hopes to take at least one trip per year in the Missoula-Bozeman area of Montana.

This summer the Chases plan to travel to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, and they're already anticipating next summer's trip to Ireland. Chase said he also will continue spending as much time as possible with his grandson, Holden, who turned 10 in May.

A reception was held in Chase's honor on April 29 at Sweet Briar House.

class notes

1935

Juliet Halliburton Davis
4100 Well Spring Dr., No. 2305
Greensboro, NC 27410

1938

Frances Bailey Brooke
405 Jackson Ave.
Lexington, VA 24450

1942

Ann Morrison Reams
771 Bon Air Cr.
Lynchburg, VA 24503
amrsbc@verizon.net

What an unbelievable winter we experienced this year! At Sweet Briar classes were held most of the time, but with some off-campus faculty not able to get there. However, the students had a fine time with great gatherings and fun things planned. Schools were closed in this area for 7 days during that 3-wk. period. Happily, spring is on the way, and I hope this issue finds all of you warm and in good spirits.

I look forward each year to **Bobby Engh Croft's** Thanksgiving letter. She's keeping busy following Crosswell's death last Mar. She still spends winters in Tucson, but planned a trip through the Panama Canal in Jan. and one to AK in Jul. How wonderful to hear from **Eddie Brainard Walter** in D. C., who is enjoying her usual activities. Her daughter, Anne, and husband Michael are in India. They both have Fulbright grants to teach at Madras Christian Coll. **Betty Childs** and Mackall (Annapolis) sent a beautiful card designed by their son-in-law, Sanford Murck, an artist married to their daughter Dryden (Class of '65). It won an award from the Land-lover organization in Savannah. I also received my annual cherished card from **Ann Hauslein Potterfield** and Tom. From AR, **Alice King Harrison** sent a clipping from the Chattanooga paper highlighting our alumna, Mollie Johnson Nelson '64, who was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award at Reunion

2009. Arkie writes that even though she uses a walker, she enjoys bridge, Mah Jong, church work and grandchildren. **Shirley Hausman Nordham** is glad to have moved to Leawood, KS, to be near her daughter especially since Al died soon after. They enjoyed 20 good retirement yrs. in Savannah. It's great that **Margaret Leonard Proctor** still enjoys keeping up with us even though she was only at SBC for a short time. She lives in a retirement community in Baltimore.

We continue to lose many of our beloved classmates, but then aren't we grateful to have lived this long at such a wonderful time? Those who died since my last letter are **Mary Alice Bennett Baumberger** in AZ (5/3/09), **Patty Rose Early Trippet** in Waco, TX, (6/17/09), **Mary Ellen Thompson Beach Ela** in Madison, WI, (10/8/09); **Joanne Oberkirch Willis** in St. Petersburg, FL, (10/25/09); **Frances Meek Rowe** in Fort Lauderdale, FL, (11/18/09); and **Ruth Hensley Camblos** in Ashville (12/31/09). Ruth's sister, **Stuart Hensley Woodward '40** died 2 days before her. To all of these families we send our love and sympathy

Stay well, stay happy and send news. Much love to each of you.

1944

Alice Lancaster Buck
21085 Cardinal Pond Ter., Apt. 106
Ashburn, VA 20147
Pbbuck1@verizon.net

1945

Dale Saylor Morgan
486A Beaulieu Ave.
Savannah, GA 31406
dalemorgan@comcast.net

Julia Mills Jacobsen
ljmj@erols.com

Mary Haskins King
501 Kimberly Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27408

Holly Zweigler Schroeter wrote in to the alumnae office: I write to say that I won't be able to attend our 45th. I'm waist-high in boxes still, but loving every

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the class secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to Colleen Murray at cmurray@sbc.edu or PO Box 1056, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your class secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '10	August 1, 2010
Spring '11	February 1, 2011

Class secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!
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moment in my new Tucson apt. I can now walk out onto my terrace and have a beautiful view of the Santa Catalina Mt. range. I hadn't planned to miss the reunion; I was there in 1990 for our 25th, along with my 2nd husband. My son Eric (40) and his wife Katja live in Falls Church, while my daughter (39) lives in Prague. In 2002, I briefly stayed in Somerset, VA, at one of their father's homes, and my daughter saw to it that we all traveled to Sweet Briar for a visit. It was late Dec., so no one was on campus. We sat next to the new Prothro Center to eat our homemade lunch. Then, we drove to the former dairy, only to discover that the milk processing building was now an Art Center. The old Refectory where I had served as a waitress was now an Art Gallery dedicated to former President Pannell.

I have two grandsons, Jakub and Nikolas, ages 9 and 7. They're enrolled in Haycock Elementary School in Falls Church, and are bi-lingual. Their mother is Slovak. She owns and runs an art restoration company in McLean; my son works for the Washington Post in Arlington. I am now retired. Best wishes to everyone attending.

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Does your class have a page on Facebook, LinkedIn, or other web community? Please let us know! The Alumnae Office is compiling a list of class pages for our updated Web site. Send an email to Colleen Karaffa Murray '06, editor of the Alumnae Magazine, at cmurray@sbc.edu with the link to your class page.

1948

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As 2010 gets underway your class scribe of these last few decades has decided she is too far advanced in yrs. (I turn 84 this 1st weekend in Apr.), and I'm not able to write another column. After all, I walk with a cane or walker or a rolling chair, have hearing aids, a mouth full of partial plates, droopy eyelids, an occasional heart flurry, too many pounds, no driver's license, no get up and go—I just can't do it! Then comes a warm, friendly voice and it's **Wayne Stokes Goodall** on the phone from Pittsboro, NC, my friend since camp days in the 1930s who is always interested in what's going on, and she suggests that maybe I could get some help from computer whiz classmate **Liz Barbour McCrea** to communicate with classmates for news. This great idea creates conversations with Liz in Alexandria, VA, so we join together to write a newsletter. She had a brief note

from TX from **Polly Rollins Sowell** saying she "plays bridge and jitterbugs by herself since her favorite partner Liz is in VA, and she's in TX." A call from **Peggy Sheffield Martin** in Atlanta tells me she has lost her precious daughter Lisa Tunnell who has had lupus for a long time. She died in late Feb. and some 300 attended her service. **Martha Davis Barnes** didn't answer a call since she probably was on one of her many trips, but we did learn that she has a granddaughter who chose to head to Hollywood to make a career. Her name is Ellen Woglan and she's active in movies and appears in weekly TV series, *Bold Case*. Another piece of sad news is that my SBC roommate **Suzanne Hardy Benson** died in late Jan. and her memorial service was in an old Episcopal church in downtown Augusta, GA. We recall when 8 of her Briarite classmates gathered there a few yrs. ago for her marriage to Cameron Benson. Conversations with classmates **Felicia Jackson Burns** in Gainesville and **Diane King Nelson** in Homer, LA, brought back to my memory the connection Suzanne's daughters, Zan and Bon, had with ballet in Augusta. We also remembered that the Burns' daughter Susan has 4 teenage children and 3 of them are triplets! Interesting news from the Alexandria area reports that the Kelly Foundation, which was set up by our **Nancy Vaughn Kelly** and Dan, has been recognized for 10 yrs. of service with native Americans in Montana encouraging them to better themselves and improve their standard of living. We heard that some of them put on feathers and danced in D.C. although they mostly are getting educated to lead useful and productive lives. I learned from a conversation with **Audrey Lahman Rossetot** about living in the Alexandria area with SBC classmates the Kellys, **McCreas**, **Virginia Wurzbach Vardy**, all living in the same complex. **Mary Jo Armstrong Berryman** reportedly visited in D.C. from TX.

Since this class letter doesn't have lots of names and news your scribe is going to take the liberty of quoting from **Closey Faulkner Dickey** and her unsolicited letter which arrived a month ago. This is to welcome spring-time, do away with winter blahs and cause you to sit back in amazement at our classmate's life. "Our greatest joy in the last 5 yrs. has been our new summer home in Quarry Cove, ME. The kids and grandkids share a big modular home designed by Whit and the waterfront activities include our kayak, a canoe, 2 sailing dinghies and our boat *Wendelen*. A quick rundown on their progeny begins herewith: Whit Jr. is drumming and composing in NYC, playing mostly with the Matthew Shipp Trio (sometimes in Europe). They are

sometimes written up in the NY Times Art Section. Spoon and Renee love living in beautiful Seattle. He's a financial consultant, does lots of volunteering, cooks for family and good causes and plays guitar in bistros around town. Renee is head of Perfusion at Children's Hospital, rides a Vespa to work and they all ski! Don lives near his parents, works for state of VT in health care and is getting a MA from the Woodbury School of Mediation in Montpelier. His children do well in high schools and colleges nearby. John and Julie live near in South Hamilton, MA, where he has his own business franchise, Express Employment Professionals, matching employers with employees. Julie works with him and their 4 children participate in various sports as well. They all ski at Mad River Glen. Colt and Lynn live in San Rafael, CA, where they enjoy amazing bird watching. Clo and Bruce live in Anchorage, AK, and are kept busy with 2 young sons. Bruce is an expert on measuring glacier melt and undertakes other environmental endeavors for the National Park Service. Closey adds that the Dickey's still live in the winter in the house they built 30 yrs. ago on Hardy Hill in the midst of a wildlife sanctuary. She plays duplicate bridge twice a wk. and has recovered from a broken neck caused by adjusting a high Venetian blind. They are active in the community of Lebanon, NH. Personal to my classmates...SBC 1948...I'm wearing my tee shirt with the roses on it from an almost forgotten reunion to inspire me to get this done, and at the age of 84 it has been difficult. My dear David at age 88 has remained patient, good humored and very helpful. This has been a fun thing to do over the decades because I have gotten to know so many of you better than when we were at The Patch back in the 1940 era. Thank you for sharing.

1949

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I must start these notes with the sad news that Bunny Barnett Brown died of pancreatic cancer on 2/19/10. Bunny kept us together as Class Secretary, writing notes on our activities as well as updates on the Coll. She worked tirelessly for Sweet Briar and was presented with the Outstanding Alumna Award in 1992. I'll try to follow in her footsteps with your help. Thanks to all who sent me news. Some of the news may be old hat by the time you read this, because

I'm writing on 3/14 on a dark rainy late

winter day. If you have e-mail, you may receive more recent news from time to time. Those of you who decide to join the 21st century and acquire email should let me know your address.

Most of us have been involved with family and travel over the last year. However, **Dot Rouse-Bottom's** activities may have a wider impact. She's celebrating Hampton, VA's 400th birthday this year on 7/9/10. Hampton is the 1st continuously operating English speaking community in the U. S. I had thought that honor went to Jamestown, but that settlement didn't last, and Saint Augustine and Santa Fe were Spanish speaking communities. So Dot is quite right that Hampton's 400th birthday is a big deal. Hampton came into being on 7/9 of 1610 when fully armed Englishmen came ashore, attacked the Indians and established a maritime community, which has grown and prospered to this day. By the time you read this, the celebration of Hampton's 400th anniversary will have culminated with spectacular fireworks and significant historical events (conferences and publications) thanks to Dot.

As for travel, perhaps the award for the most miles covered should go to **Peggy Cromwell Taliadro**. She visited her sister in the Swiss Alps last summer and journeyed to the Galapagos Islands, 600 mi. off the coast of Ecuador, in Feb. There she saw blue-footed boobies and the rarer breed, red-footed boobies. (I noticed that SBC was running a trip to the Galapagos this winter. Maybe some of you went?) **Alice Trout Hagan** and Patsy Davin Robinson are perhaps the most inveterate participants in Sweet Briar trips, but Alice tells me that although they're both fine, they've given up long trips.

Phil and I went to Morocco last winter. That may be our last overseas trip, but we're planning a cruise on the Erie Canal, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway in Sept. Domestic travel without long airtrips is more appealing these days.

Caroline Casey Lindemann may surpass **Peggy Cromwell's** travel record by the time she completes her trips for 2010. She'll be going to Norway and, on a separate trip with the Richmond Museum, to the Italian Lake District. Caroline will also be coming north to Cambridge to see her oldest grandchild graduate from Harvard Law School. (I hope she'll stop in Hartford en route). Caroline's adventures are planned by her daughter who lives in Richmond and is a travel agent. Her 2nd son, Stephen McGehee, is in his 1st yr. at VA Theological Seminary having retired from a 30-yr. banking career in Atlanta. Caroline lives in Westminster Canterbury, a retirement community in

Richmond. **Libby Trueheart Harris**, **Margaret Towers Talman** and **Kitty Hart Belew** also live there.

There seems to be a trend among 49s toward retirement home living. We like to be relieved of cooking, cleaning, snow shoveling and have the security of onsite medical care. **Carolyn Canaday Evans** needed such care this year. She broke 2 ribs camping trip with her son last fall, developed shingles and fell on the ice and broke her wrist this winter. However, she has recovered from all those ailments and is now looking for a job as a court advocate for children in foster care in Ashburn, VA, similar to what she was doing when she lived in Reston. Carolyn sees **Flip Eustis Weiner**, who now lives in a retirement community in Silver Spring, MD.

Jean Taylor is still in her Washington apt. She has a severe back problem, but is able to get out and about with the help of a back brace.

June Eager Finney has been busy preparing an art exhibit for a good friend in Baltimore. June says she doesn't draw anything, but is able to create her images/scenes using an ordinary pair of scissors. She sees something in her head as she flips through magazines, catalogues, newspapers, etc. that she can turn into an object to be mounted on whatever paper she has around. Good recycling.

Pat Brown Boyer had a chilly winter in FL, but was expecting to see **Judy Easley Mak** and Dayton who were stopping for a visit in Winter Park on their way south. Dayton is working on an oral history of the State Department and Judy is still selling real estate in Washington, 30 yrs. and still going strong.

I hope it warmed up in New Smyrna Beach, FL for **Sue Corning Mann's** visit at Hank's daughter's house. They have a grandson in Argentina. Maybe that's the place to go these days.

Phil and I enjoyed seeing **Ann Henderson Bannard** and Yorke last Sept. when they were here on a great circle tour of the Northeast. They're just fine and had seen **Kay Veasey** and **Dave Goodwin**, who are also fine.

My dear roomies, **Preston Hodges Hill** and **Larry Lawrence Simmons** are both widows now, but are keeping busy with good works and family visits. Larry delivers food for Meals on Wheels and reads weekly to third graders. Her daughter Dede has published a mystery called *Silent Screams* under the pen name C.E. Lawrence. It's a real page turner.

It's always great to hear from classmates who left us midstream.

Mary Ellen Davis Gettel, who earned a B.A. from U. IN and an M.A. from Stanford, wrote "as I look back I realize how much help SBC has been and what friendships it has brought about."

Pat Owens Purvis and family spent spring break traveling to Washington D.C., VA, and NC looking over schools for her granddaughter. Then she visited a grandson at Wake Forest U. He'll study next spring in London. Her other grandson at the U. AL went to Cambridge (England) for the May Dance in Jun.! Pat herself plans to travel to Aspen, CO, and then to England this summer.

Edith Brooke Robertson attended her grandson's graduation from U. MI and then was off to CO to visit her son and family.

Ann Preston Vick has moved to St. Augustine; **Anne McNeer Blanken** to Lexington, VA, to be near her daughter and husband, both graduates of W&L; and **Mary Waller Berkley Ferguson** and husband are living at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond.

Nancy Drake Maggard sent a photo of her family of 8 children, 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Can anyone top that?

Betty, B.G., Elmore Gilleland and Guy are still traveling. Last year they took a trip to the Baltic and Scandinavian countries. In Nov., B.G. attended a Colonial Dames meeting in Jacksonville and saw **Margaret Murchison Corse** who is living in Jacksonville again. B.G. keeps in touch with **Diana Dent, Neil Greening Keen** and **Nancy Storey White**, all of whom are happy in their respective retirement homes. She and Guy venture into the deep freeze in MI every Christmas to visit their daughter and family.

Jean Probeck Wiant was unable to attend Reunion as she went to her granddaughter's graduation from the Manhattan School of Music and then on to her grandson's h. s. graduation in Katonah, NY. She has moved to a new retirement center east of Cleveland, but is still active on the Women's Board of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the board of a baroque music group. She also works with a mission group involving transitional activities for the jobless and homeless.

Sally Bianchi Foster has another 2 grandchildren off to coll. (Earlham & Lafayette) and I have 1, but no telling where at this writing, as he applied to 13 coll.!

This is my last report. I've enjoyed hearing from all over the yrs. and hope

to stay in touch. Make sure to keep our new class secretary *au courant* even though you may think no one is interested. We are!

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Thank you to all who have contributed to our class notes.

Sunshine (Tsun-Hsien Kwan) died on 10/10/09 at age 81. Her husband, Shantilal Bhagat called to let us know. She'd have been 82 on 11/6/09. In 1/09, because of an irregular heart beat, she had open heart surgery as 2 valves were leaking. She chose to have them repaired rather than replaced. The surgery stopped the leaking for a while, but only temporarily. Hypertension ensued and the causes of death were congestive heart failure and septicemia. She had had a hysterectomy yrs .ago, but had adhesions that had to be repaired off and on so she was opened up 4 times, resulting in staph infections. After SBC she went to Cornell to get her M.A in nutrition. There she met Shantilal who was getting a degree in agronomy. They were married there; then went to India for 16 yrs. There are 2 daughters in San Diego and a son in Kansas City. They had been married 57 ½ yrs. Isoldé Baisch Werhahn '53 was a close friend. Shantilal said that his son tried unsuccessfully to contact her in Stuttgart recently. A service was held on 12/6/09 at the Church of the Brethren in La Verne, CA. His number is 909-392-4078.

Joanne Williams Ray: (Words from her faithful and caring son, Max.) Nothing significant this yr. other than her getting a cold 12/18 and was so weak she couldn't get out of her chair, and we feared the worst. She's doing OK, but we're still fearful of this turning into pneumonia. She spends all day to and from the bed into the kitchen to eat, a slow, but steady decline. She doesn't know us, much less other family and friends, I'm sad to report. She was dropped from the Alzheimer's study 02/06/09, as she went from a 23 to between 0-3 in a 12-mo. period on the mini-mental exam, and we're told to expect to have to call in hospice between 6-18 mos. out. So we bide our time and try to keep her happy, fed and comfortable. (Note to PLF: As you may have noted, I'm pretty good about information retention. It's my job as a financial advisor and it doesn't suit badly as mother's social secretary either! Mother is still going pretty well, considering. We endeavor to take good care of her. She still maintains a constant laugh, says thank you when you do what she

wants. I've also heard from **Joan Davis Warren** and am now friends with her on Facebook, as well as Samuel B. Hellier, Jean Stapleton Hellier's husband who was a Phi Psi and one of my father's fraternity brothers (and mine as well now!) It seems the more consistent I get about sending out Mama's Christmas cards, the more folks I'm hearing from. Max T. Ray, AEP, CLU, FBS, Family Business Associates, 2766 Smyer Circle, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216-1025

Mary Pease Fleming: Trying to free my desk of 2009, which includes messages from '51 classmates. **Ann Petesch Hazzard** writes that her dear husband, Rutledge, passed away in 2009. She and Rutledge had moved some yrs. ago to 4800 Fillmore Ave. #551, Alexandria, VA, 22311. (As you know Ann and Rutledge had retired from a lifetime career in the Army. At the time of his retirement he was a Brig. Gen.) Many of their neighbors on Fillmore Ave. are also retired Army friends. Ann says that she's grateful to be living "in this wonderful place with wonderful people," now that Rutledge has passed away. I also heard from **Eugenia Ellis Mason** in Petersburg, VA, and **Jean Duerson Bade** in Louisville, KY. Both are widows now. Jean electing to stay in her big house. Jean frequently sees **Diane Richmond Simpson**, her friend of many yrs. Diane is in a wheelchair from an arthritic condition and unfortunately cannot continue to swim with Jean as she has done for a long time Jean still does her laps in the pool "when I can"! Also heard from **Joan Davis Warren** in Philadelphia, but not from **Barbara Birt Dow**, who also lives there. Rives and Joan celebrated the holiday season with Rives's shoulder in a sling from rotator cuff surgery on 12/9. He's doing well and together they're looking forward to the summer wedding of our oldest grandchild. They see **Ann Sheldon Taylor Campbell** often. She and Bill Campbell travel some, but mostly hang out at their apt. at Westminster Canterbury.

Sue Lockley Glad: I have zero news! Ned and I spent the winter quietly, recovering from our lousy summer of surgery. However, we're both on the road to mending completely and hope to get to OR this summer. There will be a constant parade of children and grandchildren (accompanied by their dogs) and that will be fun, if chaotic. However, I think I'll retire from the competition on the tennis court and golf course, maybe stick to croquet. We should all aim to be healthy and prepared for our 60th reunion in 2011. Good grief! Best to all.

Mona Wilson Beard: May and sunshine seem a long way off just now! Thank you for the reunion dates. At least it won't be snowing 30 in. 60 yrs. is a pretty long time! No real news here.

I'm gradually establishing a pattern and getting acquainted with the folks and activities here.

Betty Browder Nibley: I spent most of the yr. getting my house ship-shape and downsizing (ugh) by throwing out, shredding, and otherwise dumping 30 yrs. of stuff I'd accumulated in that big house. I've moved to a beautiful apt. at Knollwood, a retirement community for military widows and spouses. It's located in Washington D.C. and there are many friendly and gracious people here. I'm attending exercise classes and a multitude of events and trips. Sold my house to a nice couple (she went to SBC class of '93!) I'd love to hear from and/or see classmates.

Ruth Oddy Meyer: I look forward to any issue that has news of the Class of '51. It seems like a lifetime ago, but one that I remember with much pleasure. I have 4 granddaughters, but have been unable to persuade the 2 eldest to consider SBC. They want to go where the boys are. I'll keep the pressure on the other 2. We're going to London in Jun. for the graduation of the 2nd eldest from the American School. After 5 yrs. of England's weather, she only looked at colleges in warm climates and will be going to the U. Miami, FL, next yr. After graduation the whole family will be going to St. Petersburg, Russia for a few days. Aside from wild plans, Ed and I continue our hospital volunteering (ER for 24 yrs.) and in our spare time, bridge is his hobby and painting is mine. **Mona Wilson Beard** and I keep in touch by email, and I hope to persuade **Sis Hayden D'Wolf** to join in this yr.

Ann "Ben" Benet Yellott: Still helping out with the local therapeutic riding program and the nature center. Love hearing about classmates. Really sorry to hear about **Sunshine (Tsun-Hsien Kwan)**. I waited tables with her. She was a special person. I heard from **Ruth Oddy Meyer** at Christmas. The puppy is fine; we're busy now with agility, which is a blast! Trouble is, I can't keep up with him!

Jean Graham "Randie" Randolph Bruns: I avoided a dreadful siege of winter weather in postponing my return home (from FL) until a lot of melting goes on. **Julie Micou Eastwood** is planning to come "back east" to see her brother who isn't well. And I hope she'll have a few days in Warm Springs.

Lynne McCollough Gush: I have no real news for SBC, since dog, ballet and teaching go along as usual. Not enough teaching, due to the economy, to warrant a trip to reunion, but sufficient for customary adventures. Nancy and I are working on the Liszt B minor sonata arranged for 2 pianos by Saint-Sans. The garden needs doing. We didn't need a hard freeze of 2 days after the drought, the hurricane, and the flood.

The greenhouse habitants are lovely, but everything I failed to bring in is thoroughly Gothic. The Alumnae Magazine is *glamorous*. So, in fact, is the campus these days.

Patty Lynas Ford While visiting our daughter and family in Leesburg, VA, in Sept., we were fortunate to be able to go to SBC for the Inauguration of our new president, Jo Ellen Parker, a most impressive person inaugurated in a stirring event. We are fortunate to have her, a fine successor to Betsy Muhlenfeld. The Upchurch Field House has to be seen to be believed! It's enormous and very adaptable for different functions. I was able to audit the Intermediate Greek class, exactly 60 yrs. after my time in 2nd-yr. Greek. Also, I was able to have some time with Dr. Eric Casey, the excellent classics professor, to read selections from Daphnis and Chlo. Greek was my dearest love at SBC so I was able, thanks to Dr. Casey's kindness, to be a part of his class.

Afterwards, we had lunch with him and his wife who teaches religion. All meals are served cafeteria-style now, no more student waitresses on the scene. And the dress code has become extremely relaxed. But that doesn't detract from the spirit of the girls. We visited the new student house called "The Green Village," which are very much in demand. Recently, we had lunch with **Julie Micou Eastwood** and Dick in the Napa Valley. She's planning to go east later in the spring to see her brother and plans to go down to VA to visit **Jean Graham "Randie" Randolph Bruns**. Last week we had lunch in Santa Rosa with **Anne Sinsheimer** who was in the area to visit friends and relatives. She had had a splendid trip to Africa last yr. Her life is busy with community activities, her dog and knitting (she was wearing one of her gorgeous sweaters when we saw her).

Lynne McCoullough Gush sent youthful pictures of herself and her fun-loving **Kensington Weimaraner**. Our local daughter, Elizabeth, is awaiting delivery of the harpsichord she commissioned last yr. She painted the soundboard last summer and has put some finishing touches on it. She's active in the Early Music scene in the Bay Area. I've been at the Animal Shelter for 13 yrs. now, 3 mornings a wk., training and walking dogs and cuddling cats. Gardening gives Dick and me great pleasure, and as I write this, the many camellias, daffodils, daphne and other shrubs and flowers are in bloom. It's good to hear from you and to find connections with some of you that we didn't know existed. I invite others to write. It's hard to believe that in 14 mos. (May 2011) we'll have our 60th reunion! Thanks again.

1952

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Christmas 2009 brought the gift of many messages from our class. To all of you, thank you so much!

It was good to hear that a number of you reunited, sometimes after many years. **Janis Thomas Zeanah** lunched with **Freddie Collins Brister** when she was in Richmond — the first time they had seen each other in more than 40 yrs. As Janis noted, "The really good news: we recognized each other." **Ellen Galey Sher** drove up from Asheville, NC, to visit with Laura Radford Goley and celebrate the inauguration of President Parker.

Joanne Holbrook Patton welcomed **Edie Marsh Fonda** and **Jane Russo Sheehan** to her annual alumnae picnic at Green Meadows Farm. And most recently, at the Vero Beach reception honoring Dr. Parker, **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** reunited with 3 classmates: **Frances Street Smith**, **Kitchie Roseberry Tolleson**, and **Mary John Ford Gilchrist**.

Many of us continue to travel far and wide. **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** probably racks up the most frequent flyer mileage, what with residences in FL, Cape Cod and NJ, as well as children and grandchildren around the country. Between travels she remains involved in, among many activities, Childcare Resources, an organization providing early childhood and family support for working parents.

Trudy Kelly Morron observes that with all the airport security, delays, and general lack of amenities, "getting there is not even half the fun," but she did get to London and Cornwall all the same. Others anticipate journeys in 2010. **Mary Barcus Hunter** plans a trip to the Italian Lake District with her sons, Barc and Tom. **Florence Fitch Patton** will go on a cruise of the Orient, visiting all the capitals of countries from Japan down to Singapore. In late summer 2010 she'll see the once-a-decade Passion Play at Oberammergau. **Leila Booth Morris** is looking forward to a trip to Tuscany, as well as a visit to West Point in May for what would have been her late husband Jim's 65th reunion.

When I asked you for one specific thing you'd like to accomplish in 2010, many of you echoed my own determination (perhaps the word "hope" is more accurate) to get papers, files, and general collections of junk/treasure in order, as **Laura Radford Goley** put it, "so the kids won't have to." **Joanne Holbrook Patton** has enlisted the help of Gordon

Coll. archivist and student interns to prepare a database of the historic Patton home and its contents, in order to determine their future use. Another classmate dealing with the challenging prospect of downsizing is **Nancy Morrow Lovell**, who is first trying to organize her vast files of genealogy research materials, before ultimately moving from her large home on 5 acres. As she notes, "One of the best features of this home is its fabulous storage space. One of the worst features of the home (at this point in my life) is the fabulous storage space." **Mary Barcus Hunter** has maintained her late husband's oil and gas business over the past 10 yrs. Now she's clearing out files in anticipation of turning over the business to her sons. **Florence Fitch Patton** is looking forward to the last year of her three-year term as National Corresponding Secretary General of the Daughters of the Revolution, though she'll continue activities and responsibilities at the local level. **Martha Yost Ridenour** is ahead of the rest of us: she already cleared out a treasure trove from her basement and uncovered, among other things, lamps from family steamboats, dueling pistols, Bowie knives from the Spanish-American War, panning equipment from the Gold Rush. (She'll leave the attic for relatives to deal with!)

Leila Booth Morris is grateful for her continued health and mobility. **Martha Yost Ridenour** hopes to continue in good health and able to care for herself. **Neil Dumas Herff** plans to enjoy life.

I'm impressed by the wide range of activities. **Peggy Nelson Harding** bikes and kayaks. **Ann Whittingham Smith** plays badminton and has rediscovered playing the piano—even duets! **Janis Thomas Zeanah** has regular exercise as a goal in 2010.

Like many of you, I hope to continue to travel. I was especially pleased to hear that both **Josie Sibold** and **Mary Lois Miller Carroll** may include San Francisco on their 2010 itineraries. **Mary Lois** and husband Hugh rejoice in his clean bill of health after a challenging course of radiation and chemotherapy. **Helen Graves Stahmann**, who lives in Queensland, writes that she hopes to clear her coastal property of lantana (Australia's equivalent of kudzu?) and to travel to the U. S. I hope she stops off in San Francisco, too.

Not all our news is happy news. Several of you are bravely coping with the care of seriously impaired spouses. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. We lost three members of our class: **Barbara Hoyt Boyer**, **Marjorie Levine Abrams**, and **Jane Mattas Christian**. We are grateful for their presence in our lives, and now in our memories.

Again, thanks so much to all of you

who wrote and enabled me to pass along some news. I realize I've left out news of our baby-boomer children and Generation X grandchildren, but this time I wanted to be sure you heard about each other. More about our families next time! Please keep me up to date, so that I may share the news.

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A big thank you to those who sent news at Christmas: **Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and Jack began 2009 with a "fabulous trip to Southern Chile where we found the glaciers and fjords breathtaking." The remainder of the winter was spent at their home in Ponte Verda, FL, near their family. There, she enjoys seeing **Eleanor Johnson Ashby** and Garnett. The 3 Clarkson grandsons are all in coll., and their granddaughter is a successful caterer in Telluride, CO. Kirk had a total knee replacement in May and a thyroidectomy in Aug. She's playing tennis again and ready to travel. Jack is substituting in the courts (judicial, not tennis) in Norfolk. Kirk often sees **Katty Turner Mears** at Chesapeake Bay Foundation meetings.

Sug Cantey Patton and Pat spent a delightful 4 days at Cashiers, NC, with **Anne Elliot Caskie** and Challen and **Edie Norman Wombwell** and George, all enjoying the great weather and mountain scenery. The Pattons are expecting a great-grandson in Mar. via oldest grandson, Tim and wife Brooke.

Great news for **Jeanne Duff** and me—**Patti Tighe Walden** is returning to NJ after living for several yrs. in Las Vegas. Patti's son-in-law has been transferred back to Tishman's NY office. She and the rest of the family will return at the end of the school yr. Now Jeanne, Patti and I can resume our luncheon get-togethers. Jeanne and I have continued our meetings, but have missed Patti. If any of you live within driving distance of Princeton, NJ, we'd be happy to have you join us.

A Christmas card from **Anne Joyce Wyman** and Joseph pictured their beautiful family—a handsome son-in-law, a beautiful daughter and two good-looking blond grandsons, but no comments.

From my roommate, **Kay Amden**: Mary Lou underwent total knee replacement (there seems to be an epidemic of that). The knee having been deemed "better than over," she and Kay are taking their show "Sisters by Heart" on the road to senior centers, retirement communities, and women's clubs. Kay

mastered the art of Power Point presentation to illustrate the program.

Sally Gale Beck and Doug enjoy life in Merida, Mexico. Sally reports that her knees are no longer what they once were, so she has curtailed climbing the Maya ruins. She now has more time for reading and research.

From the Apy household: In Oct., Chet and I cruised the Mediterranean in celebration of our 55th wedding anniv. We toured Rome for 3.5 days before boarding the Grand Princess. The ship took us to Naples (Pompeii), Athens, Istanbul, Ephesus, the Greek island of Mykonos, Cairo (the Sphinx and Pyramids), Alexandria and then back to Rome and home. I'm sure that this will bring back memories of your own travels and perhaps encourage some of you to see more of the world.

Just before we left, Chet and I got the news that we will be welcoming our 9th grandchild (a boy, as we later learned) in Apr. Six of the grandchildren, all the young ones, live in CA—in 2 households, 400 mi. apart—so we're commuting grandparents. As of Apr., they'll range from age 0–30. Not exactly a one-size-fits-all group.

As I was completing this column, I was notified by the Sweet Briar alumnae office that **Gage Bush Englund** died over a year ago on Jan. 12, 2009. A long and interesting obituary appeared in the Jan. 15 edition of the *NY Times*, a copy of which can be found if you Google her name on the Internet.

My inbox is now empty, so please send me your news for our next column.

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Well, Ladies, here I am again! I did hear from several of you, but most of us seem to be living quietly these days. Oufing **Gail Davidson Bazzarre**, "I wrote to let you know *nothing* is happening here!" That's just fine, as it's enough for me to know that "we are still here!" Gail still volunteers at their church, and she and John enjoy their "darling" great-granddaughter (2). Most of you echoed **Pam Compton Ware's** sentiment: "Family continues to bring great joy." For Christmas **Marty Hede-man Buckingham's** 2 children brought their families to GA to celebrate. She

spent the summer on Cape Cod so she was near both families. **Bexy Faxon Knowles** and Bob may hold the record with 16 grands and twin greats. Now that they're boatless, they take a cruise or 2 every yr. With a grandchild count of 15, **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall are a close 2nd. I love that she sends photos—her daughter looks like her twin! **Emily Hunter Slingluff's** children both live within an easy drive so she can see them frequently. Her 2 granddaughters are in school at Princeton and UVA. **Patty McClay Boggs** and Flip will head north in May to attend the h. s. graduation of one of their grandchildren. The biggest event in **Ruth Campbell VanDerpoel's** yr. was the marriage of son Jim last Sept. to a lovely girl he met at his cycling club. **Ann Jeffers Hogarty** writes that although she very much misses Dick, her family is with her often so she feels very blessed. Last summer **Sue Bernard Odense** and Larry spent 4 days with all the granddaughters—2 of them home from coll. Lots of fun, but it took her a wk. to recuperate! In the fall they went on their 1st cruise, from Boston to Nova Scotia, with 2 couples they've known for 50 yrs. Many of us spent time on the road—no one more than **Joan Kells Cook** and Duncan. Their family is scattered across the west in CA, OR and MT. They also spent time in the east visiting friends, cruising the islands and exploring Disney World, and that doesn't even count the 2 wks. at their time-share in Mazatlan, Mex. last winter. **Honey Addington Passano** and Bill were finally able to fly out of snowy Baltimore in mid-Feb. and headed to the Bahamas for 7 wks. in the sun. Honey wrote of **Sue Starkey Ragland's** death last fall. Sue was her freshman roommate, and they had stayed in touch through the yrs.

By now, most of us are retired, but we're still volunteering. **Diane Johnson DeCamp** is less active in her Garden Club but still participates in their events. She also volunteers at her church as do Gail Bazzarre and **Betty Sanford Molster**. Even I put in my one morning a wk. at the County Adult Corrections Facility! Others are enjoying more comfortable climates for their retirement. **Gay Reddig Mayl** and Jack love sunny FL. In CA, **Barbara Plamp Hunt** and George enjoy their retirement community.

I am frequently in contact with **Didi Stoddard**, **Fritz Merriman Naylor**, **Ginger Chamblin Greene** and **Manda McThenia Iodice**. Didi and her partner, Jess Tobin, have a handsome new grandson who they're silly about. Fritz is still teaching and shows no sign of slowing down, so I assume she enjoys it. Ginger is still getting used to hot and cold running water after her time in

rural Africa. Manda and Don are enjoying having their older son with them for an extended visit.

That's all I have. I echo Gail's sentiment: "There's nothing happening here!"

1956

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In the last issue of this magazine, our class notes, written by Meredith, was cut short, leaving an incomplete sentence and omission of news from classmates—so much for technology! So the missed news will be included with all the latest.

It is with great sadness that we note the following deaths: **Betsy Meade Hastings**, **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes**, **Joyce Lenz Young**, **Ann Irvin**, **Sarah Sharp Taylor**, **Helen Wolfe Evans**, **Jane Slack's** son Ethan Engl, **Nancy St. Clair Talley's** husband Lilburn, **Nancie Howe Entenmann's** husband Dick, and **Frances Shannonhouse Clardy's** husband Jim. To each family we send our condolences in their loss and our loving support.

From Sarasota, **Bunny Burwell Nesbit** resides in The Glenridge, a continuing care retirement community, and enjoys life there. She's at the top as dean of a new community school, chairman of the cruise committee, social committee, liaison to performing arts committee, opera guild and is active at the Church of the Redeemer. What a resume! Daughter, Katherine, married at 50, lives in Charlottesville, works for the Federal Reserve and welcomes Bunny for long summer visits. Let her know when in Sarasota—she'd love a visit.

Ruth Phillips Hollowell continues her career in advertising, but mostly "does everything" for her 9-yr.-old granddaughter who lives with her and son/father, Chad.

Rose Montgomery Johnston travels to visit her 4 daughters when her profession in psychotherapy allows. Holland and Croatia have been recent destinations as well as a drive through SBC, which inspired her with the beauty of the campus and with gratitude for her years there.

Barbara Brown McFarland in OR still enjoys her work and will have a granddaughter/graduate this spring.

Kay Smith Schauer and Bob (battling cancer) keep a non-stop travel schedule—Antarctica, Central America,

hiking and to DE for a Smith family reunion. Their volunteer lists include tax preparation for AARP, Stanford's Arizona Cactus Garden, Unity Church. Add a meditation group, 45-yr.-old book club, Palo Alto tree advocacy and you know why they lead "a wonderful life" and send blessings to us sisters in the Class of 1956.

Karen Steinhardt Kirkbride and Dick focus their travel on beaches—DE, FL, HI and St. Maarten. Apr. takes them to NYC for son Trevor's wedding preceded by parties "from Fort Lauderdale to Tokyo."

Nancy Greer Howe Entenmann recommends the book *When Husbands Die*, which had a strong impact on her when she read it. She also says that she's impressed with the SBC senior class.

Barbara Darnall Clinton and Dean have attended assorted engineering conferences in Puerto Rico and Kuwait. They attended grandson's graduation in Ghana where daughter, Mary Kay and husband serve as Methodist missionaries; other grandson is in 10th grade. Daughter Laura has active teenagers—Shannon and Connor—travels internationally for AEI Energy. Son Charles has made the Colonels List for the Air Force. Barbara continues singing with her choir, especially at Easter.

Nancy Ettinger Minor has earned bridge Life Master, but volunteers with elementary students in neediest Savannah schools, too. The Savannah Music Festival is a highlight on her Apr. calendar. She finds time to play golf in spite of a bum knee. Meredith and Macie can sympathize as they each have 2 new ones—anyone else?

Joan Broman Wright and Jim survived the blizzards of 2010, which assaulted Charlottesville. So, off to FL for recovery and visits with family and friends up and down the coast. She and **Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham** are planning our 55th in 2011—put May 20, 21, 22 on your calendar *now* and await more details. They won't accept any excuses for not attending!

Jane Slack Sigloh has authored a book, "Like Trees Walking," which Meredith reports is wonderful and available from Amazon. Our class Scholarship Fund has a value of \$11,739 and is helping a student in the class of 2013. Additions to the fund may be made through annual giving and memorials.

Martha Clay Nichols is completing a 2-yr. term as President of the Colonial Dames in KY. where 2 museum houses in Frankfort, which offer them lots of volunteer challenges in addition to the normal Dame activities. She and Robert travel to Providence to Martha's family. Barcelona for Rob's and spent 2 wks in Egypt last month—did it *all!* Dr. Martha is teaching French at Brown,

juggles an amazing schedule; Rob is in international real estate after 13 yrs. in Spain. Robert is retired, but busy and she's hanging on in the wonderful world of real estate.

Meredith Smythe Grider spends summer plus in her MI retreat as a shopkeeper and hostess to many family and friends. For a winter break, Sanibel for a few weeks is the balance. Her 3 girls and families are all right here in Louisville and spend time with her—wherever she is!

Now, if you aren't mentioned in this tome, it's because nothing came to us or SBC—please take a moment to share some news for the next issue. And many thanks to those who sent news—we can't do this without you! Keep in touch.

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Greetings from Buckeye Land! In case you hadn't heard, Eddie and I have moved to suburban Columbus; more about that later. Our notes are a little sparse, but I'm grateful to the few people who did get in touch.

Adele Scott Caruthers has retired again from her profession as an occupational hand therapist. To help fill her time, Adele volunteers helping 2nd-graders learn to read. She's also taking a continuing education class using New Yorker articles as a textbook. She's pleased to have extra time to paint and is writing her memoirs. Adele will have her 2nd hip replacement in May; she had the 1st one 7 yrs. ago and coded on the anesthesia, so she has a different doctor and procedure. Adele serves on the hospitality committee of her Episcopal Church in Albuquerque and has recently moved.

Elizabeth Gallo Skladal was selected as Alumna of the Year for the U. of AK, Anchorage. The awards luncheon was held at the Gorsuch Commons in Anchorage. Elizabeth said: "This award is personally shared with Sweet Briar as I feel my education there prepared me for the role as leader in community endeavors. Thank you, Sweet Briar!"

Joan Nelson Bargamin and husband Paul had attended the early curling contests at the Olympics after a visit to Fort Worth to try bull riding!

Among her many accomplishments is practicing law for 10 yrs. after graduation; she only substitutes now. Joan also has had an antique business. She keeps in touch with many SBC alumnae: Californian **Polly Barnes Hester**, a near professional golfer; **Ann Watkins Custer** of NY, due for a visit, with her husband David; and **Carol McClave Duncan** owner of a beautiful dairy farm in PA near the Land-O'Lakes, a frequent visitor with her husband Don. In Richmond Joan sees Mary Ann Vandervoort Large '57 and Bob; Molly Haskell '61 when she visits her SBC roommate Barbara Fowler; and Pearl Adamson '60 and **Louise Dunham Williams** and husband Harold are neighbors as well as Weezie Laughlin '57. Joan also sees a lot of **Betty Waddell Henson** who lives in Roanoke. Joan has fascinating family history: her father, a professor at W&L, was British and still has many relatives there; her mother was French and a Cordon Bleu graduate as well as a member of Howard Carter's team when he excavated King Tut's tomb in 1922. As a result of all these connections, Joan and Paul visit England, France and Egypt regularly. Joan's tales of her youth are fascinating: she says she lived in NYC, where she was a Rockette and later moved to Chicago and FL; when her father joined the faculty at W&L the Nelsons moved to Lexington where Joan met her husband Paul while he was in law school and she was a pool life guard; after a few years in SC they moved to Richmond where they raised their 2 sons. Joan has also appeared on "All My Children," courtesy of her god-child Eden Riegel. I would be remiss not to send sympathy for the death of one of her sons not long ago.

Thank goodness for holiday letters; **Judy Graham Lewis** and Jim, Charleston, WVA, sent a delightful Valentine note. The Lewises celebrated their 51st anniv. on 6/14/09. Judy spends her time at their church where she's a bellringer and sings in the choir, and serves food for Manna Meals, a breakfast, lunch and dinner served to as many as 400 people a day. She also serves on the Gay & Straight Alliance committee and tends to the church garden. Judy had a hip replacement 2 yrs. ago so she "walks vigorously" and starts her day in a water aerobics class at the YWCA. Jim has retired from the active Episcopal ministry, but just finished work as an interim "supply" minister for 4 parishes that combined into one. The Lewis offspring are equally as active as their parents' oldest son Stephen has moved back home with his parents and is exploring new business opportunities to support his 3 children who live with their mother in MD. "Having Stephen back home has been one of

life's unexpected gifts," his parents say. Daughter Elizabeth and husband Mac live in Ourham, NC; their daughter is at UNC-Asheville and son Lewis is deciding where he wants to go to college. Because Mac had serious surgery on his foot, Beth and he have made the "in sickness and in health" journey together. Daughter Katherine and husband Bill are both Episcopal priests. They're serving in a parish in Minnetonka, MN; they and their children Eva and Jesse love MN. Deborah, Katherine's twin sister, in Concord, NH, is in her 2nd yr. as a nurse in a cardiac care unit in a local hospital. Her daughter Sarah is in high school; besides being a good student, she competes in crew, track and cross-country running. Son Alex is the owner of a local paintball facility. Deborah will be remarried in Oct.

First, I want to apologize to all of you for not getting the summary of our fabulous 50th reunion in the Alumna Magazine. I raced home and wrote a comprehensive recap; the only problem was that my e-mail didn't reach the editor and I didn't realize it until the magazine came out. For some strange reason, I had no hard copy, my usual practice, so that column is still floating around cyberspace somewhere! Fall 2008 and winter 2009 turned out to be difficult because I developed a low grade infection that just hung on and on; I was also diagnosed with polymyalgia rheumatica, an unpleasant but treatable condition. The final straw was cracking my ankle from a fall while walking our dog. Then, due to the influence of our daughters, we moved to Powell, OH, in order to be near Anne who started working for the Zusman Hospice in 1/09; they felt that, due to our "advancing yrs.," we should be near one of them. We've settled into a lovely patio condo, but I'd forgotten what a nightmare moving was. **Martha Schneck**, Don and children, moved back to their home in Ashburn, VA, after 4 yrs. in Pretoria, South Africa. Don is now advising on security measures at new and remodeled embassies and consulates around the world for the State Department; he just returned from consulting in China. Martha is the aquatic director at the Pavilion, the local community activities center. Katie is a jr. at Mary Washington U. majoring in fine arts with an emphasis on photography; Lauren graduated from the American Int'l School of Johannesburg last Jun. and is in a post graduate year in VA and is taking flute lessons; Cole is in the 8th grade and is an alto sax player. This yr.'s snows were hard on them after their sojourn in Africa. Lee and Steve Caira, Clarksville, TN, have a busy household with Steve's 2 children Ryan (19) and Ashley (16) living at home. Steve is a distributor with

Hostess products and Lee continues as the victim-witness coordinator for the local attorney general. Anne loves her job as community coordinator at Zusman. She lives with her "significant other" Rick Farley, a funeral director, and daughter Lindsey (16). Eddie and I are delighted being so close to them and they've been great helpers with our move.

Since my postcards were not a success, I'll just ask you all to write your news before the next magazine, due out in the fall; that means getting your news to me as soon as possible, either by e-mail or snail mail. Both addresses are with this article. Our reunion just confirmed my opinion that our classmates are remarkable; they are attractive, bright and highly motivated, fine ambassadors for Sweet Briar. Keep the news coming.

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One of our sad moments in Feb., was the passing of our wonderful **Gretchen Smith Buntschuh**. All of us who went to the 50th Reunion in Sept. remember the delightful time we had with her and have fond memories of her.

I want to thank all of you for such a wonderful response to this 2nd newsletter! For those that don't have email (for the next edition of the SBC Alumnae magazine), please send me your news as soon as possible so that I can include you in the next letter.

Liz Chambers Burgess: I'm still reeling from **Gretchen Smith Buntschuh's** death. It was so very wonderful to renew that friendship at Reunion. Have started volunteer work in the Archives/Special Collections section of the Old Dominion U. library. Also, I've agreed to be treasurer for my DAR chapter for the next 3 yrs. May be over estimating my energy level, but it keeps me out of trouble! Chuck and I just got back from Atlanta, where we stayed with our daughter and her family for a few days. Our one grandchild, a 5-yr.-old girl who is beautiful and brilliant as are all grandchildren everywhere, is quite a drawing card for Atlanta visits. We visit our son and his wife in NY regularly. Otherwise, my main hobby is digging into family history, which I do on the internet with occasional trips to NC where many of my ancestors were. Chuck is still teaching part time at Old Dominion U., although he's technically retired. He loves it, and I love the fact that he's happy with what he does.

Betsy Colwill Weigers: I'm off to the Caribbean tomorrow after having spent a few days in NYC where the weather was the pits and coming home to Vail where the weather was also the pits. Whatever does one expect in Feb.? We sold our place in Mexico and are now looking for other venues. Have reconnected with **Claire Devener** (in Anguilla), and I hope to see her while we're in St. Barts. I've also reconnected with **Jackie Hekma Stone** and **Alice Carey Farmer Brown**. Along with **Di Doscher**, I hope to have a mini reunion this spring in NYC.

Tricia Coxe Ware: I'm looking forward to spring. Richmond had 30 in. of snow this winter! At least my grandchildren, Mac and Riley, enjoyed it.

Caroline Blake Whitney: I'm a first time writer of news. I've been reflecting or reviewing the past many yrs. since departure from our alma mater. From the tranquil east coast of the Northeast to the "Old Country" after marrying, we lived in Switzerland for a couple of yrs. and even considered settling in England. However, the call from my husband's father to come home to Argentina was too irresistible. I had never been there, so it was a great adventure, never to be regretted. My 4 children call it their country, having grown up surrounded by family. My Mother-in-Law came from a large Scottish clan who settled in the deep south of Argentina, near the Straits of Magellan. Those were amazing, exciting and vibrant yrs. before everything began to crumble. The government was never good, became enmeshed in rampant terrorism, friends disappearing, and our lives had to change from a steady rhythm to an irregular, inconsistent life style. I guess it affected our marriage more than I wanted it to do so. Sadly, I had to accept that this part of my life was over, and due to continued strife in Argentina, it seemed best to return to Boston. Shortly thereafter my husband died, thus I call myself a divorced widow. I had been away from the USA for over 25 yrs. It was similar to starting all over again, in a new country. Much had changed and seemed strange, even connecting with old friends. Their lives had moved on, just as mine had, there were gaps in the connections—unknown children, different friends, the changes wrought by the 60s and early 70s, which were not in my experiences. Today seems like yesterday in that once again I have lived just 2 yrs. short of my other life in Argentina, back here in Boston. Thus, reminiscing, it seems as though there have been 3 volumes of my life. What will the 4th contain? I'm looking forward to a productive one!

Mary Harrison "Cookie" Cooke Carl: I've decided to sell my house in Wynnewood. I expect to move to a 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo in Haverford 4

mi. away. If the entire class of '59 could please come here on my moving day, carry an armload and enjoy a nice 4-mi. walk together, it could be a wonderful experience for all. Besides I could save on a moving van. You all would need to make a few round trips, so plan to bring your most comfortable booties! As for me, I hyperventilate at the thought of climbing one flight of stairs to my current bedroom, so I'd have to follow the group in my Prius. (Snowdon, you can ride in the car with me!) If I live through this, it'll be a miracle. I've been here 38 yrs. I have enough stuff to fill ole Daisy's gym and Babcock too. I'm clearly a bona fide 'keepaholic.'

Deborah Dunning: Primarily, I'm very busy working to insure that our children and the children of our children and future generations have health and quality of life. The NGO I founded and serve as president, The Green Standard, is hosting a forum in Washington in late Apr. to help manufacturers learn how to "go green" and expand their exports and sales. It's an adventure and, if any of you are interested, you can learn about it at www.TheGreenStandard.org. I'd love to see a bunch of you there and look forward to catching up wherever.

Alice Cary Farmer Brown: We're trying not to feel ancient as our oldest child turns 50 this yr. and our oldest grandchild just turned 20 and 6 other grandchildren are teenagers. One little guy is still just 11. We managed to drive up to The Pomfret School in a wild blizzard recently to see a granddaughter dance as a Flapper Girl in the school's musical revival of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." A week earlier we had driven up to Deerfield Academy to see a grandson come in 2nd in a ski race of over 200 skiers from 10 boarding schools. We're off to FL to visit my mother-in-law (99) who wants to go out every night! We plan to spend, as usual, all of May and Jun. at our place in Vienna. We were there, also as usual, all of Oct. and Nov. We returned in time for a big family Christmas in Telluride, CO, with our youngest son and his family. I share our class's enormous sadness over the untimely deaths of **Ethel Bruner** and **Gretchen Smith**. Both were truly special young women. I feel fortunate to have known them.

Penny Fisher Duncklee: Jan. took me to CA to visit Clint and Dave and their families. Of course, it was fun visiting, going to the San Diego Zoo and Ventura beach. The train ride to Ventura from Oceanside was wonderful. We should all get back to taking trains.

John is writing some neat books (www.johnduncklee.com), and I'm painting when I'm not "pottywashing" (doing all the other stuff instead of what you say you are going to do that day). I've taught one of John's writing students how to use

a computer. Yesterday I had a pleasant moment when I won an award for this fun watercolor painting. I've been a little discouraged lately because it's seemed that only scribbles and splashes were deemed "good art." "Why bother to learn to draw or use paint?" I asked. Getting a little prize shut me up nicely.

This Jun., we're taking our camper to Knoxville, TN, for John's annual Western Writers of America Convention. We'll zigzag our way out and back so we can explore and I can paint some of the neat places along the way. We're happy and healthy and enjoying life. My Web site is: www.pennyduncklee.com.

(Ali's note: Did anyone want to know what "potty washing was?...I wrote Penny and she answered: "Pottywashing goes like this: I get up from the breakfast table and head to my studio. On the way I see that the iron is still out on the counter from cooling off after ironing clothes yesterday. I stop and put the iron away. As the cabinet door is open I see the plant fertilizer and remember that I was going to feed the plants in the front hall last week. I get the fertilizer out, dilute some of it and go water and feed the plants. Then I notice that the window in the front hall is dirty. So I wash the window and the ones in the dining room and living room. By then an hour has gone by, and it's time for a cup of coffee. And, I haven't done my email yet. Suddenly it's 11:30 and nearly time for lunch, and I haven't touched a brush or wet the paints, or, even thought about the painting. THAT is pottywashing.

Jackie Hekma Stone: *Synopsis of My Life So Far:* After I graduated, I worked as a media buyer for Young and Rubicam until I got married in '63 to Charles Lanier Stone. We moved to Greenwich where we have lived in the same house for 47 yrs. We had 2 daughters and now have 5 grandchildren (2–13), which we enjoy spending time with. After various volunteer jobs, I realized I love to teach and learn. I got my masters in elem. education from Manhattanville Coll. In '74 and taught middle school at Greenwich Academy for 10 yrs. before becoming the Head of Middle School in 1982. I loved that job, but decided to move on in '89 to a degree in landscape architecture. Just at the time I decided this was not for me, I was asked to be a consultant to the School of the Holy Child, which was forming a middle school. I was the 1st dir. of the Middle School of the Holy Child in Rye, NY for 6 yrs. During that time, I pursued my Ph.D. in education from Fordham U., which I finally earned in '02. Next I was a Clinical Assistant Professor at Fordham teaching and running their Secondary Initial Teacher Program full time for 3 yrs. Since retiring, I occasionally teach as an adjunct professor at local universities. I'm look-

ing forward to getting more involved in local education programs as a volunteer. I'm involved in tennis and boating; I occasionally ski and play golf. My current passion is playing duplicate bridge.

Meriwether Hagerty Rumrill: I'm so lucky to have the 1st (Charles Rumrill called Chip) of my 6 grandkids living close by in Alexandria and have the joy of watching him change weekly. The mighty snows that hit VA were also a joy this winter since I could just walk out the front door, put on my cross country skis and get on a trail through the woods and around my lake. Clients are beginning to call and I am eager to get back to work (that's from someone who loves her work). I still feel the loss of **Gretchen Smith** whom I was getting to know as we shared our joy of dancing.

We were hoping to meet in DC so we could enjoy together the best dance venue in the country. Great love of family, friends, fun and work, and good health. I feel very blessed.

Gay Hart Gaines: Sadly, Stanley and I suffered the loss of our eldest son last Jun. 18, to the ravages and complications from his lifelong Juvenile Diabetes. (Type 1) He was only 48, and it was the worst blow we have ever had. One has to keep on going for the sake of all our family. You never get over it. Really. You somehow get around it. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniv. with all of our children and 10 of the 11 grandchildren and it was bitter sweet, but wonderful. We took the whole family to Williamsburg for a wonderful dose of history as well as sports and wonderful food. It was a big success. I still represent FL on Mount Vernon's board and am totally committed to my favorite hero, George Washington. I was elected chairman of the Capital Campaign to raise \$80 million to build a library honoring our 1st and greatest President and am very excited about it. I'm also working for some exciting political candidates, Marco Rubio for the FL Senate, a thrilling young man, John Kasich for Gov. of OH and think he's just what OH needs and Lt. Col. Allen West for our Congressman, here in FL. We finally moved into our wonderful new home on the ocean in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we adore it. We named it "Lalaland" because all of Palm Beach is really Lalaland!

Trudie Jackson Smither: I've been working on my h. s. 55th reunion in Sept. We have a very active and interested class and hope for even more, perhaps, than for our 50th. In May, I'm going out of the country for the 1st time in yrs. to Prague, where I'll be one of a tour of 17 people who will be sponsored and led by the cultural leaders of the Czech Republic in the US. It's 7 days, staying in Prague. I'm really looking forward to it.

Jame Jamison Messer: At the moment I'm melanoma free. I see my oncologist every 3 mos. at the cancer center in IN. We spent Christmas at Disney with 3 of my children and 6 of my grandchildren. I had the wonderful thrill of swimming with the dolphins and 5 of my grandchildren. A survivor indeed, I'm leaving tomorrow to go to Grand Rapids, MI, to celebrate my granddaughter's birthday. I've made a snowboard cake! We'll go north for the weekend where we spend part of our summers on beautiful Torch Lake near Traverse City.

Jini Jones Vail: I'm waiting for good news on my book. Hope it will come this week. It's being read by a new publisher in Yardley, PA.

Elizabeth Johnson Lipscomb: I continue to treasure opportunities to take advantage of SBC events. Lloyd and I enjoyed a wonderful performance of Dylan Thomas's radio play, *Under Milkwood*, transformed into a lively drama by Professor William Kershner. He's the chair of the dept. of theatre and dance, and his outstanding cast of SB students and neighbors. Dean Jonathan Green composed music for the production. The program noted that this yr. marks the 100th anniv. of Paint and Patches! I'll be back on campus in Apr. for the spring meeting of the Friends of the Library.

Isa Mary Lowe Ziegler: Though it's not a competition, I'd love to know if I'm the oldest 1st-time grandparent in the class. Our 1st just celebrated his 2nd birthday.

Sorrel Mackall Mcelroy: All is great with us. We're still in the country outside of Richmond enjoying good health and our 13 grand children. We just returned from a week of sailing with one of the families in the BVIs. It's such a treat. I love being part of the SBC book club. We talk a lot, but do read the books!

Virginia MacKethan Kitchen: Here I am faux belting out a song at the Sun Studio, where Elvis recorded. Corky and I were in Memphis for a wk. in Feb. to visit our 3rd son, Cameron and his wife and 2 young boys. Our 2nd son Alexander, who lives in Charlottesville, was also there with his daughter and son. Cameron is director of the Brooks Art Museum in Memphis. For our 50th wedding anniv. celebration Corky and I took a Tauck Tour trip last fall to St. Petersburg and Moscow and then rented an apt. for a wk. in Paris.

Vicki Meeks Blair-Smith: I've been up to my ears with a 60th grade school reunion, would you believe, and then away at the CAN-AM Crown sled dog races. (Caroline did 206 mi. of the 250-mi. race.) Since I had to do some bio thing for the 60th in May, I gave it a SBC touch for you. Ages ago, I went back to one reunion and enjoyed it, especially since I was able to ride even

though I hadn't ridden for many years. Here's a brief bio of my life: At SBC 'til end of soph. yr., I transferred to St. John's, Annapolis to be with Jon Sweet. I did yr. 1 of the 4-yr. program as student; Jon & I married in '58; held a variety of non-jobs while Jon finished senior yr. Then we moved to Denver where Jon's started law school. Another variety of non-jobs ended as sec. receptionist for Denver Country Day (now Kent Denver) where I stayed for 6 yrs., going to DU at night. Unfortunately the marriage didn't succeed. In '65 I earned a B.A. with a major in history and a minor in history. of art. My parents died relatively young in '65 and '66 causing me to move back to CT. I went to SBC in part because my aunt Marjorie E. Silvester was '34; she rode for Miss Rogers (probably why I "won" the Freshman Horsemanship Cup & majored in philosophy under "Lucifer." While I had many friends at SBC, my best friends left when I did; as a Northerner then, it became tiresome to deal with the Mexican & Civil Wars. My manners were not "Southern;" I was called into D. Jester's office regularly for being "rude"—e.g. forgetting to punctuate sentences with "M'am." In New Haven, we used "Sir"—surname for male teachers but Miss or Mrs. + surname for woman; even *Hey, Sir* was OK! In 1967, I moved to Cambridge to work on a Ted Sizer project at Harvard's Ed. School, *A Study of the American Independent School*. I met Hugh a.k.a. Bear sailing; he was an engineer at MIT/Draper Lab on the Apollo space project; we married in '68 and have 2 children who were "Lifers" at BB&N in Cambridge: Rob, a graduate of Lake Forest, is married and works as an engineer for Cbeyond. They live in Downers Grove, IL and have 2 children: Amelia (11) and Adam (8). Caroline, a graduate of Bowdoin, is Program Director for Outward Bound, ME. She and her Brit husband Andy live nr. Bethel; they have 15 sled dogs with whom they run tours and race. See my Grand Puppies at: www.sledpets.com. While the children were young, I volunteered in their various school libraries and earned a Simmons MLS in 1991 leading to work in Technical Services (mostly cataloguing) in the h. s. library, a special library in Boston (NEHGS), and a Public Library on Cape until I retired in 2009, primarily to spend more time in genealogical research. A dog owner since age 15, I've had 2 Dals, a string of 5 Golden Retrievers, and now a string of retired Alaskan Huskies from Caroline's sled dog colleagues in ME. I moved to the Cape about a decade ago between jobs to be more at hand for Hugh's mother who lived into her 90s on the B-S family property in Dennis; Hugh followed about 2005 when he retired. Avid sailors, we cruised in ME with the kids for yrs. and now keep the same Vindö sloop

in Marion on Buzzards Bay. I gave up sailing for kayaking over a decade ago with a new interest in wildlife, ecology & geology, and go out regularly with AMC. Hugh works for the local U.S. Power Squadron and gets his "crew" thru them. I also lap swim, enjoy "woodsing" on our property and am relearning recreational reading. We travel some. Our favorite home away from home being the Aigas Field Centre, nr. Inverness, Scotland.

Lizora Miller Yonce: We still live in Greenwich, but winter in Boca Grande, FL, and spend part of the summer in Fishers Island, NY. Mary Blair, Tabb & Mary Ballou came to BG in Jan., and we had fun in the *cold* weather. I have 4 grandkids. Sam (14), Isabelle & Caroline(10), and Miller (3).

Jane "Puss" Moore Banks: The best thing that has happened for me was a trip with my daughter to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands last Jun. It was a learning and bonding experience. I work with my daughter every day, but there were so many things I learned from her, about her, and with her. I'm fortunate to have my 2 older children in the business with me. My daughter, the RN, is dir. of nursing services and my son is business manager and will take over when I retire. I'm not planning on that real soon! Tennis, paddle tennis, and three hrs. with a trainer each week keep me in shape. I'm lovin' life.

Fleming Parker Rutledge: Dick and I renewed our vows on our 50th anniv. at the National Cathedral in Nov. with family and a few friends including **Susan Taylor Montague**. The main news, I suppose, is that I will be a visiting scholar at the American Academy in Rome in Apr. Our granddaughter Dabney will be studying the history of art in Rome for a term. I'm getting a book of Old Testament sermons ready for publication early next yr.

Ann Pegram Howington reports her excitement with the SBC's Living Room Learning. She comments that Richmond has just caught on to something that has been happening in Atlanta for 40 yrs. The SBC alumnae group of 20 or so get together weekly during the 2 winter mos. to listen to lectures. The basic approach is to meet in a member's home. They were fortunate to have an outstanding professor (Patrick Allitt) from Emory U. lecture on Victorian England. The series is so popular that there is a long waiting list. The group also went to Symphony Hall for an evening of entertainment, including dining. The result was an elegant evening for Ladies of a Certain Age, plus friends and a spouse or 2.

Virginia Ramsey Crawford: I've returned from St. John's in the Virgin Islands. It was beautiful and we got in lots of swimming. My 2 married girls are well. Wynne works for H &

R Block; she's very busy. Her oldest son was married last Jun. to a fellow Cornell graduate. My grandchildren are very adventurous. One of them spent a semester in Italy, taking courses in Italian. Another girl spent several mos. in Senegal. In all I have 6 grandchildren: 3 boys and 3 girls. I'm living in a CCRC, like it very much.

Judy Welton Sargent: I'm in high gear trying to declutter and get my house ready to put on the market by 4/1. After 28 yrs. of being a pack rat, sifting through the accumulated papers, clothes of every size, and miscellaneous junk, I'm somewhat overwhelmed. The good thing is that I've made some progress. My 2 daughters, son-in-law and precious grandson (2) moved to Austin last fall, and I'm trying to catch up with them. Enjoy the spring!

Mary Blair Scott Valentine: We continue to have our 59 Book Club. Everyone is going to hear Molly Haskell SBC '61 (I think) talk at Randolph Macon Coll. in Ashland, VA. The topic is her book *Frankly My Dear*, a critique of GWTW. Joe Knox, husband of late Ella Prince, came to talk to us about The Foreign Student. He had a SBC book bag! My daughter, who was living in Richmond, moved to Kiawah Island, SC, loves it. So, Stukie and I continue living in this cold. Bah! Off to Anguilla next wk. to thaw out. Hope to see **Claire Devener**. (Ali's Note: just got in another email from M.B. who says, "Spent a lovely evening with **Claire Devener** in Anguilla, where we are now. Sweet Briar girls can find each other everywhere.")

Anne Smith Heist: John and I are celebrating 50 happy yrs. We have 1 daughter and 4 grandchildren who live in Weston, MA. After being in the clothing business for 30 yrs., I've been active as a floral design judge with both the NGC and GCA. We still live on the ocean in Ormond Beach, FL, and travel as much as time allows, mostly by ship to Europe and car and house rentals there. I was diagnosed with a rare lung condition 11 yrs. ago and have been on oxygen that long. Don't let it get me down and all it does is complicate our travel a bit more as flying isn't possible. It makes John more creative. I see **Ann Pegram Howington** at flower shows and she hasn't changed a bit. Love to read about all the other classmates, but long to see **Sue Pohl, Barbara Kelly, Anne Wimbish Kasanin, and Catherine Brownlee Smeltzer** one day.

Judy Sorley Simpson: Not my best yr.: my precious husband, Kep Simpson, died in England of mesothelioma last summer, from exposure to asbestos 51 yrs. earlier in the Royal Navy! I now parent our 7 grown children and 20 grandchildren on both sides of the Atlantic, yo-yoing back and forth, and spending every Jan., May and

Sept. in our cottage in Little Missenden in the UK. (If anyone is interested, it is available for rent most of the year. 2 bedrooms in a delicious converted barn in one of the most charming 15th century villages in Buckinghamshire. 50 min. from London by train.) Had just returned to NJ in early Feb. and fell flat on black ice in our driveway, smashed my forehead, elbow, and knees, 3 wks. in hospital and now about to go home. *No more snow* for me. It has haunted me from NJ to Atlanta to the UK, and it is *still* snowing. 28" in the last 24 hours, and it's nearly Mar.!

Rew Price Carne: A friend of mine plus me, my brother and his wife and a friend of theirs took a cruise to the southern Caribbean in Nov. We visited 6 islands, a wonderful time. I had cataract surgery in Feb. and that is such a fantastic thing. Now I'm thinking about fixing a bunion problem. Such fun getting all these parts corrected.

Polly Space Dunn: Winter has been unusually cold; I painted a lot. We skied one week with the grandkids, but did no socializing in that I was recovering from a face accident and couldn't talk too well. I'm minus my front tooth for now. Then, I fell again on Sat. and busted open my lip! They're trying to figure what caused the falls in that everything checked out great, and I'm in "perfect health"! No one seems too worried, but for now, I'm *very* uncomfy. I don't like to talk ailments but honestly, that's all that's been happening! I'm looking forward to a summer in the NC mountains and to playing lots of golf. Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln! Still remembering Reunion with lots of smiles!

Val Stoddard Loring: I returned with my sister from 9 days at Caneel Bay on St. John to find that spring has arrived in MA. There are buds on my SBC rose! Steve and I will return to the island in late Mar. with 8 grandchildren and their parents. Where have others of you taken successful family trips? I'd love to hear from you.

Susan Taylor Montague: I took a 3-wk. cruise from Buenos Aires to Santiago in Jan. They're beautiful cities (or should I say, were, before the earthquake). Montevideo and Valparaiso are beautiful as well. I returned just in time for the 2 blizzards we had in Feb. We're finally rid of all the snow, but, sadly, all the boxwoods, and holly and Magnolia trees in my yard are ruined. I'm so ready for spring.

Tabb Thornton Farinholt: Really have nothing to report that's "news," just surviving a brutal winter! We went to see Molly Haskell '61 speak at Randolph-Macon College (in Ashland, VA). Her book, *Frankly, My Dear*, on the making of *Gone With the Wind*, we've read and loved, and I've heard her speak before. Can't get enough of her!

She's articulate, witty, informative, and delightful. We were fascinated by her incisive analysis of many aspects of the movie's making, and its place (as well as the novel's) in our culture. Molly Haskell, a renowned movie critic, is as impressive and effective on her feet as she is in print, and we were so proud to claim her and bask in all that reflected enlightenment.

Kathy Tyler Sheldon: I was shocked and surprised to hear of Gretchen's death. I can see her so well in my mind's eye at Reunion. My sympathy goes out to the family. We're snowed under this wk. after having a mild Christmas. John and I visited our daughter in Vancouver in Oct. and stopped off to see our eldest grandson who is playing ice hockey at the Ontario Hockey Academy. He's off this wk. to play in Pittsburgh, but we don't know what all of this will lead to!

Ali Thompson: I just came up from the beach (5 min. walk) where I've been taking a water aerobics class with a Styrofoam noodle—for an hour. We call ourselves the "Noodle Soup Gang." And, being it is humpback whale season here; we see a lot of whales and their calves cavorting around in the ocean while exercising. My "Plunkers" Band is still plunking along with 16 members and my oldest member just turned 90 in Feb. and she's still dancing the hula! We'll be taking off for Turkey in latter part of Apr., so that should be an interesting trip.

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Addie Kamke Cook is busy teaching English at a local coll. She paints as well, having done several murals, watercolors, and also some sculpture. They live in the middle of the Finger Lakes Region of NY, home of 267 wineries! They sold their lake house, but still have 2 guest rooms and a boat. Fishing and swimming are good. Addie has a son

who is moving from Virginia Beach to College Station, TX. He's a veterinarian dermatologist; his wife is working on a pathology degree. They have 2 children. Addie's daughter lives nearby in Canandaigua, NY, with her 2 children.

Cute message from **Bettye Thomas Chambers:** "If everyone has as little news as I do, you have a thankless job indeed. No children, no grandchildren, no nobel prizes, no American Idol or lottery winnings."

Ann Ritchey Baruch is spending 8 mos. of the yr. on Spring Island, SC, a beautiful marshland community focused on preserving native habitats with 35 mi. of hiking trails and 200+ species of birds. **Ginger Cates Mitchell** is also there. Gardening is Ann's passion. She has started a native plant propagation and rescue group and has joined the Board of the SC Nature Conservancy. She's still on the Board of NC Outward Bound School, running a scholarship program that sends 20–25 inner-city young Philadelphians on 2–3 wk. courses. Her son, David, will be married on May 15.

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After the long, cold winter everyone who responded to me was longing for spring! **Betsey Beale** was struggling through back-to-back snowstorms at her farm and reported that even her Great Pyrenees dogs had trouble walking! **Lynn Carol Blau** reported that CT has had more rain than snow and that a visit to FL kept them in winter coats. She and Jeffrey were planning a trip to Honolulu at the end of Mar. as well as a musical summer at Tanglewood and Aspen. CT is still their base; Jeffrey is still working and Lynn has been active on the Hartford Art School and New Britain Art Museum Boards. **Randy Kendig Young** had an unusually cold winter in FL; she stays busy with Garden Club and golf. Her granddaughter was sailing in the Bahamas for 5½ wks. of sea turtle tagging—yes, learning can be fun!

Ann Funkhouser Strite-Kurz's recent travels have been to visit the grandkids—3 boys (ages 10, 7, and 4) on the West Coast and twin boys (3) on the East Coast. They spent the holidays at Rehoboth Beach and were marooned at son Jeff's house in Alexandria for 2 days beforehand thanks to the 1st big blizzard that paralyzed Washington. They had 2 ft. of snow at the family farm in WV and the horses loved it! Her new book, *Potpouri of Pattern Encore* is on track for a Jun. release. Anyone interest-

ed in seeing Ann's needlework can find her teaching portfolio and commercial designs on www.needleartworks.com.

Laura Lee Brown was in FL where her husband Steve was training for coaching; after some back-and-forth she explained that he was driving carriages or carts. In Sept., **Ginger Cates Mitchell**, **Prue Gay Stuhr**, **Mary Groetzinger Heard**, **Sue Jones Cansler**, **Judy Gutches Needham**, and **Cinnie Hooten Magowan** joined her in Louisville for the Idea Festival. They stayed in Hotel 21c within walking distance of the lectures and had a splendid time. Laura Lee and Steve are off to Stockholm for an art opening of an exhibit that features American pieces from their collection.

In her note **Prue Gay Stuhr** mentioned an earlier posting from **Lea Osbourne Angell** about a joint replacement prior to our 45th reunion; Prue now belongs to that small club as she had the final hip replaced in 12/09 and is recovering well thanks to the medical people and her husband Ed. She mentioned the 50th anniv. of the Greensboro (NC) Four who sat in at Woolworth's and was reminded of the brave women at SBC who sat in the Lynchburg Woolworth's. She hopes that the history will be recorded by a professor and student collaboration. It's been a while since we've heard from **Barbara Sullivan Wanamaker**, but she's still in Huntington (NY) on Long Island and selling real estate. She opened her own real estate company 2 yrs. ago after leaving Coldwell Banker. She said that she figured she "would give it a shot at this stage of my life" with a young builder; now they have 3 offices, 70 agents, and 24/7 days! It's been very successful so far and they hope to keep growing! For more information see www.sphomes.com. Barbara spends any free time with daughter Amy, married to Joe, and 3 grandsons who live near her. Her other daughter Laura is married to Sebastien, a French chef; they have a son Alexandre and plan to open their 1st restaurant named *Le Coimtre* in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn in May and will welcome any SBC people. Her son Dave lives in Manhattan and sells real estate there so at least one followed her into the business!

Ginger Cates Mitchell and Mitch are spending a lot of time at their home in Spring Island (SC) and traveling as much as possible while they can. They had wonderful trips last year to Peru and a cruise on the Baltic; they're looking forward to another trip to Italy in May. They are also on the road a good bit trying to keep up with a fast-growing passel of grandchildren spread from NY to Mexico.

Pat Calkins Wilder is still photographing as full time as she can. Pat plans to travel in the fall with a long

photo journey in the southwest. She and Mike finished a long, messy construction project for which she packed away everything to keep it out of drywall dust, and they hope to have things back together before the winter snows melt. Their kids are fine and liking what they do; there's one grandchild in each family: Ben (11) and Clara (2). They're in Seattle and England.

Sallie Yon Williams wrote that she spends her time bouncing back and forth from Virginia Beach to NY to see son Whit and his daughter Allegra (7) and to Istanbul where son Courtney lives with his wife Nazli and Emyr (2). They compromised at Christmas and met in Paris for a wk. together. By the time they got organized the only tree available looked remarkably like Charlie Brown's, but it had lights and a few ornaments with a paper star made by Allegra, so the children were pleased. Santa found them, stockings and all; it was one of those last minute decisions that became an unforgettable experience.

My sincere thanks to everyone who sent me updates and all the best to everyone in our class!

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If you haven't signed up to receive President Parker's blog postings, I encourage you to do so. Some day's it's a light note about an event on campus and on others it's a serious reflection on the academic program, the College's future or her experiences with the students. It's a great way to keep in touch when you are far away (<http://blog.president.sbc.edu>). Thanks to **Grace Mary Garry Oates** and **Dona Van Arsdale Jones** who helped me gather news. Before your next trip, get a class list and see where your classmates are. Almost everyone who responds says to visit or call if you're in their area. If you need more details, just ask me. Then remember to look at the list! I just missed seeing **Lynn Youngs Esmay** in Naples because I didn't check my list early enough. **Sheila Carroll Cooperider** writes that she "retired on 5/1/09 from the active Episcopal priesthood. Have you ever known a passive priest? Retiring meant resigning from the perfect job and then moving on to the Denver area (Bloomfield, CO) where Chuck's mother lives, and our daughter LeaAnn, husband Geoff and son Logan (3) and 6-mo.-old Maya live also. With more time now, we can also be with our Illinois (St. Louis area) daughter Kathryn and her men, Roger and

Aidan (9), Evan (6) and Kellan (1). Chuck has pretty well finished with his course on retirement, but I'm only beginning to learn "Retirement." I'm trying to practice my new findings, but with faltering steps. I'm certain someday the picture will clear. Come see us! **Tuck Mattern Harvey** visited and had a great reunion with Sheila. "Ralph and I are enjoying retirement. I play duplicate bridge and we travel. I met **Edi Lasher Birch** last Jun. and spent the evening catching up. Last Fall I visited with **Pam Hellmuth Wiegandt** and **Ebbie Evans Edwards** and found them both well." In Mar., **Stephanie Stokes** was "in Villefranche for a mo. studying French, seeing the museums of the Cote d'Azur, going to Opera Galas in Monaco and Nice, and seeing great friends. Will go on to Maastricht for the fair before returning." Sounds like fun! Stephanie now works from home (when she's home!) **Mary Duer Colen** is a grandmother for the 6th time. "We're building an addition to our farm in MD, so that we'll have more space to share with them all." **Mimi Couch Teschner** "has recently retired after years as director of development for the Aspen Music Festival and School, one of the country's premier learning and presenting institutions in classical music and opera where every summer artists from Yo-Yo Ma to Renee Fleming perform and work with students and faculty members from all over the world. I plans to continue active community volunteer service, while looking forward to exploration of new pursuits." **Nancy Lynah Hood** is on the go. "Roger has been busy with the Death Penalty Project group, with conferences in China twice, and Taipei in Taiwan. He did his stint at UVA in Apr., and I joined him for a spell in Charlottesville and visiting Washington. We had brilliant trips to Turkey in May and to Tunisia in Sept. Taipei houses the Chaing Kai Chek collection of Chinese antiquities taken from the Forbidden City in a huge Palace Museum, so that kept me busy." **Vera LeCraw Carvaille** enjoys her family and granddaughter Julie who is 2 and totally bilingual. After a wonderful family Christmas near Geneva, they rented "a 32-ft. sailboat and sailed between Marseilles and Cassis on the Riviera for 4 days, mooring in quaint little ports each night. It was our present to Philippe for his 70th birthday! We've also purchased a new boat to keep on Lake Geneva near daughter Patricia. We still haven't retired! We continue looking for a solution to avoid closing down the company and abandoning employees and clients. It hasn't been easy, but miracle after miracle has kept us going. We're thankful for the health to go on working and also to enjoy our blessings." **Marsh Metcalf Seymour** is

now bi-coastal, racking up airline miles between VA and CA. "My mother passed away in Jan. just after her 96th birthday. I'm clearing out centuries of family artifacts and art works! Anyone wishing to visit on either coast should contact me 1st to determine where I am! We traveled twice with the Friends of the Freer and Sackler Galleries, to L.A., and then Cambodia. Both were excellent curator-led trips. **Dona Van Arsdale Jones** had a wonderful chat with Mary Daes Boykin who is busy and happy. **Nina Sledge Burke** is enjoying her children and grandchildren and is still active as Master of Fox Hounds for the Low Country Hunt in SC. **Tria Pell Dove** writes: "I moved to Geneseo, NY, to be near my sister with my dog, 2 cats and a horse. Still living in horse country. My oldest granddaughter is a senior at St. George's School in Newport, RI, and starting to look at colleges. My youngest grandchild was born 5/09, quite a spread! I have 5 all together." **Carrie Peyton Walker** says: Why retire? "I like what I do. I'm doing one-on-one language coaching at Gilead Sciences with fascinating people, people with really interesting personalities and unusual life stories. In other news, we're still travel nuts. Venice (walking and vaporetto) and the Slovenian mountains by car last summer. A friend of many years went with us, which led to some humorous comments when we rented a room together to save money. And who in the world goes to England and Scotland in the middle of winter? We do. Academics get early Jan. and Jul. as travel time. It was a winter wonderland this year—the most snow in 100 yrs. and very cold. But who cares? A roaring fire and falling snow are perfect together." **Missie Reeder Crosbie**: We spend a great deal of time in FL during the winter. I married a Canadian, we live in Toronto, but I finally got so tired of the cold winters that we bought a little house in Boca Grande on the Gulf Coast. Allan and I live in the heart of this wonderful city, Toronto, and have raised 3 boys here. The youngest 2 are married: one couple in Manhattan and the other in Dubai. The eldest is with Doctors Without Borders in operations and management and considers his home base to be Cologne, Germany where his girlfriend practices medicine. These years have been very busy with various volunteer involvements, particularly with the boys' schools and with the visual arts at the Art Gallery of Ontario. 10 yrs. ago a friend and I co-founded an advocacy group to support the visual arts in Toronto and we're so pleased with the financial contributions it has made to individual artists and to artistic projects here. I've also had the great privilege to serve on the board of the National Ballet of

Canada and be involved on the board of the Bata Shoe Museum, a small, delightful museum with a fabulous collection of shoes from early Egyptian, to Chinese to Christian Louboutin. I talked to **Judy Dunn Spangenberg**. She and her brother continue to manage her mother's photography collection. You can see the pictures at www.pheobedunn.com. **Grace Mary Gary Oates**: I'm taking my 3rd semester of Italian at the Univ. of Maryland. It's a *lot* of work, but I'm happily surprised that I can still learn a few new tricks in spite of being such an old dog; and I've thoroughly enjoyed all my new 20-yr.-old friends. Who knew I'd fall in love with Italy? As you know, we've been spending time in Rome every fall for the past 7 or 8 years, thanks to a nice association Wally has with the U. of Rome, La Sapienza. I adore Rome and still cannot believe my incredible good fortune. This past Sept. we tested our stamina by going to Heidelberg for a conference (preceded by 5 lovely days in Paris), then came back here for the U. convocation recognizing Wally as a Distinguished U. Professor (something we really couldn't miss!), then back the next week to Rome. Lesson: we are way too old ever to try such nonsense again! As for other classmates, I talk with **Nancy Gillies**, who is delightful and funny and never fails to cheer me up. I've had several delightful telephone visits with **Elizabeth Matheson** this past spring. We discovered that we're both besotted with Italy so had many notes to compare. Elizabeth lives in Hillsborough, NC, where she grew up, and, as many of you know, is a splendid photographer. Those of us who saw her wonderful photographs of Italy displayed in the Pannell Center during Reunion can attest to her talent. It was wonderful to see everyone at Reunion last May, and I was especially pleased to see some classmates for whom this was a 1st reunion (**Mary Fitzhugh** and **Anne Little**, for example) and other dear old friends like **Linda Lee McAndrew**, whom I hadn't seen forever and ever. I hope more people will decide to come to the 50th, even if they've never been before." Ginny concurs and says she couldn't have said it better. As for Ginny's news, I think retirement is really fun! A year ago I met a guy, a widower, while ushering at concerts at a Princeton University facility. We're both retired and free to play. This chilly Feb., we rented a condo in Sarasota, FL, for a mo. and then, since the Northeast was still snow covered, drove to the Keys (Key Largo to Key West) and then up to Cocoa Beach and the Kennedy Space Center and then home by autotrain. It was a great time. I tutor a very kind and interesting Palestinian woman as a literacy volunteer. Till next time, be well and keep in touch.

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Eugenia Dickey Caldwell says she's in a flap trying to get ready to go to Guangzhou and Beijing in late Mar. to teach a class. Peter will join her in Beijing and they'll be tourists for 6 days. She's looking forward to seeing us girls at Reunion.

Jane Merkle Borden, after 38 yrs. in Denver, decided it was time for her (widowed 8 yrs.) to return to the East Coast where both her sons live in CT with their families. She's so happy. Great fun to be a hands-on grandmother. No regrets.

Sally McCrady Hubbard's feared retirement lasted all of 9 mos. and then she took an unexpected 10-mo. temporary job as office manager of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. Her father founded the festival 54 yrs. ago, and she was a piano student in its 1st 2 summers—what goes around comes around. They hope for 180 students, age 12 and up, and plan 4 wks. of intense study with ensemble and orchestra performances every weekend. A great time to visit Sewanee: weeks between June 19 and July 18.

A favorite local h. s. art teacher, **Christi Teasley**, approached Sally at a concert to say that her mother, **Merrily Austin Teasley**, had mentioned getting SBC mail from her. Remember Merrily from our freshman class? She transferred and went on to run historic inns in interesting parts of TN and NC. Hope we hear more from her.

Brooke Patterson Koehler and Dan love to travel, but their style has become seriously cramped by their golden doodle puppy, Max. Brooke lost her head at Christmas and bought said puppy for Dan. They should have gotten a pound dog—they support their local Humane Society in honor of their beloved stepdog who's no longer with them. But Brooke secretly wanted the non-shedding golden doodle.

Last year they took 4 awesome trips: a cruise around Vietnam, sailing from Hong Kong where they celebrated New Year's Eve amid unbelievable fireworks, and ending in Singapore; a round-the-world wildlife trip by private jet; an African safari with their son and daughter-in-law; and finally a cruise to Antarctica in Nov.

Congratulations to Elvira who has worked tirelessly and sometimes thanklessly; no one deserved it more! Brooke wishes she could be with us at Reunion, but this year it won't work; maybe the 50th.

Laura Haskell Phinizy has been busy this winter helping daughter Laura get ready to sell her D.C. home, with real estate, and with beginning the process of settling her mother's estate. She had Laura, Keith, and the twins, and Marion's Wesley in Augusta over the Christmas holidays, which was dear and helpful, as her mother died 12/30 at home. The family and business are perking up this spring, though compared to D.C., the real estate market is *slow and low*.

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Ladies, here we are again. Lately, whenever someone says, "It's nice to see you," I have begun saying, "It's nice to be seen." That is, until I look in the mirror and try to figure out who the heck that fat old woman is looking back at me. All information on new rejuvenating procedures, surgeon references, and miracle cosmetics are welcome and will be shared.

In the interest of our class and adopting new avenues to connect, I've started a Group on Facebook—Sweet Briar Class '72. Just so you know, as the admin, I'm not letting anyone in except us girls. That's so we can post pics, tell stories, and make comments that *only we* will see. There are quite a few of our class now on Facebook who we don't hear from often, and I'll be trying to "friend" and get them to join the group. I'm not saying who, but there's someone in fabulous sunglasses in some chic café in San Salvador, then there's someone doing the "Hot Cha Cha" and looking like a contestant on *Dancing with the Stars*, then there's someone in a pool doing some kind of solo water therapy, and then there are a few holding the most gorgeous grandchildren. Enough! Just consider joining, OK?

Ann Barton Brown reports that over the past winter she enjoyed a great wk. on the coast in rural Jamaica eating fresh fruit and reading novels. A perfect escape from the snows of PA! She still loves consulting with nonprofits and finds the challenges facing nonprofits during this economic downturn a wonderful opportunity to help organizations completely rethink all aspects of operations in order to survive and better serve their constituencies. Ann is welcoming a new cardigan corgi puppy into her home in Apr. and offers free bedroom space to any SBC class of '72 members visiting Philly. She also has a funky cottage in Cape May that is available for a modest rental fee for those seeking a beach getaway.

Cutler Bellows Crockard and Doug enjoyed a wonderful fall '09 trip to the Amalfi coast, Rome, Venice, Lake Como and Paris. After the ordeal of settling estates, the economic meltdown and the aftermath of hurricane Ike, it was nice to get away and think of nothing but the four major food groups: pizza, pasta, beer and wine. One of the highlights of the yr. so far has been reconnecting with The Reverend **Patricia Reardon Riggins**. Patricia

was ordained in Jan. not far from San Antonio and so met Cutler and Doug for lunch after their grandson's 1st birthday in Mar. It was great to see her and they look forward to many more visits to come. (See Patricia's details below!) Cutler was also lucky enough to see **Susan Waller Nading** at **Liz Clegg Woodard** and Woody's daughter's wedding in Dec. Happy 60th birthday everyone!

After 25 yrs. of working in health-care admin. **Patricia Reardon Riggins** entered the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. She was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1/10 and is serving as the Assistant Rector at St. Francis by the Lake in Canyon Lake, TX. Her husband Mike is an engineer, working for Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, NM and teaching at TX Lutheran U. Their daughter Gloria and husband live in Rio Rancho, NM.

Vivian Finlay has moved to Homer by the ocean in South Central AK, 300 mi. south of where she had lived for the last 26 yrs. She hopes to find part-time work doing psychotherapy or teaching counseling/psychology at the U. of AK campus in Homer. She was fortunate to enjoy a brief winter break at her condo in Mexico.

According to Lexington, VA, resident **Margaret Lyle Samdahl**, **Jennifer Linsley Alphin** also has a house in that lovely pastoral place. It's to be her retirement home! Jennifer contacted Margaret with the news, and they hope to meet soon when Jennifer and husband Tom next come to visit.

Cleveland Hall reports in for the 1st time in a long time, "forever humbled by her classmates' high performance and grand accomplishments." She lives with her partner Lefe of 35 yrs. in the woods on Whidbey Island, WA, in a small log house of their dreams, built by their hands from Douglas firs on their land that took about 18 yrs. to not quite finish. (All in the journey, not the destination.) Cleveland works as a bookkeeper for small local firms, and keeps the neighborhood water system going, but her passion is native plants, volunteering with Native Plant Stewards to propagate natives for the local land trust and state parks, salvaging natives for restoration projects and monitoring rare plant populations. Did you know there are prairies (vanishing ecosystems) here in the Northwest? Favorite activities are hiking, camping, botanizing and getting lost in the woods. Maybe some of that beautiful territory at SBC had a subtle effect after all...

Rhonda Griffith Durham enjoys her work in independent school accreditation as executive dir. of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. The *only* not great thing

about a fulfilling career is that it makes keeping up with friends so challenging! She goes to Houston every now and then and always wants to see **Nathalie "Bobo" Ryan Hoyt** Since Bobo is a full-time educator and Rhonda is always on a mission, it rarely happens. Rhonda and husband Lynn had dinner with Bobo and Mont on a recent trip. Rhonda reports that Bobo looked fabulous and is as thin as she was when she could eat what she wanted in the "Pit." **Susan Snodgrass Wynne** and Rhonda keep in close touch. Susan, ever thoughtful and "queen of making happy memories" for friends, sends fun messages and keeps on the go. Susan keeps a schedule that rivals that of Michelle Obama! They both serve on their alma mater Norfolk Academy's Board of Trustees. So, that's an automatic quarterly visit. Rhonda's daughter Caitlin is getting married this fall and hopes that a few SBC friends who know Caitlin well might make it out to Midland. With a traveling job, a son in Salt Lake City, a son and daughter-in-law in Manhattan, and daughter in L.A., it's no surprise that Rhonda related well to "Up in the Air"—well *just* the tricks of going through security fast and getting perks! She and Lynn are still blissfully married.

Marion Walker has been ever so busy since 5/09 when 2 of the 4 lawyers in the Ford & Harrison Birmingham office left with one day's notice. She and her remaining partner managed to save a big case, but she has worked practically non-stop until a *big* trial ended 2/12. With a bit of a breather she took a trip with Nan LaGow '71 to visit Palmer Graham, Nan's SBC roommate the 1st 2 yrs., in Ochos Rios, Jamaica. The weather was wonderful and the rum drinks at 11 a.m. on the beach were just the thing to wash away all too serious thoughts of "the law." Marion only bought one present and that was for her new grandniece (!) Mary Knox Walker, who was born 10/22/09—the day Marion headed off for Charlottesville for a mini-reunion with some SBC buds. Marion sees **Margaret Hayes Brunstad** frequently and attended her 2nd daughter's wedding last Nov. It was gorgeous! Leaving the legal workload for a spell this summer, Marion will be going to Barcelona for a conference and then to France to spend a wk. with a friend who purchased a house there. *C'est la vie, Bonnes Amies.*

Nonna Rosie Leparulo sends greetings from Tallahassee! William and Rosie enjoyed their granddaughter's 2nd birthday in late winter. Gracie is their 1st granddaughter, from son #2 Robert and his lovely wife Kristy. They expect their 1st grandson in early Jun. Firstborn Willy is still playing the field. Fortunately, both sons live nearby in Tallahassee. William is still at FSU after what seems

like a hundred years, and Rosie has been commuting to teach at North FL Community Coll. in Madison, FL, for the past 23 yrs. Can retirement be too far off? FL has the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When people ask Rosie if she's on the DROP program she tells them she's been working so long, she thinks of it more as the DROP DEAD program. Can't wait to be playing Nonna full time!

By the way, Rosie stays in touch with **Cindy Miles Martinez**, who is a single grandmother of many—5 or 6. Cindy lives and works in Louisville, KY, and has 3 of her 4 children close by. Also, **Kathy Leibell Pasternak** and Rosie have never lost touch since the 10th grade! Kathy is happy to have her 3 kids out of coll. and on their own in the NYC area. Son DJ married last summer and "the girls" are just starting careers. Kathy and husband Dana live in New Canaan, CT.

"Busy year as the economy improves and wine business picking up," wrote **Deidre Conley**. She missed Julia Woodard's wedding in Dec. in Houston due to a conflict with her company's national sales meeting. Last summer Deidre and husband Gerard had a fabulous trip to Austria and Budapest. A mission to see the original "Kiss" from Klimt was a success, while they also enjoyed the music in all the churches and squares in Vienna and the original architecture of Hundertwasser that they had never seen before. Spent a day in Budapest as Liz had always said it was one of her favorite places and rising up on both sides of the Danube, it's spectacular. A boat ride on the not so Blue Danube to the wine country "the Wacau," west of Vienna, and a visit to MELK abbey were a highlight. Drank delicious Gruner Veltliner wines, the specialty of Austria. Also loved Salzburg, the Alps, a trip over to "Eagles Nest" in Germany for a never forget history lesson and a round trip through Graz—a World Heritage Site, worth a visit. Here's to a great 2010! (Check out a couple of her fun photos on the Facebook Group page. ~JJ)

In Feb. **Jeannette Pillsbury** received word that she was granted tenure and a promotion to associate professor at Luther Coll.! She's most relieved and grateful. She promises *even bigger news* in the next Magazine edition so please tune in again. (I know what it is but am sworn.)

Peggy Hoy McFadden reports that husband John joined the ranks of the unemployed when he was laid off 1 wk. after the company he worked for was sold. A mo. later he became a self-employed contract worker when he found employment with another company. They're still taking care of his

mother using the PACE program available in Lynchburg. During spring break they are taking their (SBC!) daughter and her roommate to Disney for a much needed break after all of the snow during the winter.

Peggy Morrison Outon celebrated her 60th in Turkey, consulting with the goddesses about this growing older business! She reports that son Ross was named the winner of the Season 1 PBS show "The Winemakers"! Ross created his own wine from Paso Robles, CA, which was then sold to a national market, courtesy of the show's nationwide audience. Her daughter Katie also lives in Austin and paints, cooks and lives with gusto. Peggy and Paul continue to live in their beloved Victorian house on the hill, although it's somewhat the worse for wear after the snowiest winter mo. in Pittsburgh's history.

Having lived 22 yrs. in Clifton, VA, **Kitty Howell Riordan** is retired from middle management in a retirement home and is planning on looking for part-time employment soon. Getting her mother's estate settled has been a big job, and continuing to support family and deal with older brother's roller-coaster leukemia recovery keeps her very busy. Kitty and Dave celebrated oldest son's 30th birthday and look forward to his move to local N. VA area in summer. Youngest son is off to med school in Aug., not sure which yet. Kitty and Dave have a planned transatlantic cruise to W. Europe (Azores to London) in Apr. and look forward to some relaxing, pampering, and stimulating times at 6 ports, ending in 3-day stay in London. 10 step-grandchildren, 10–16 yrs., keep up the grandparenting activity, especially cheering on sports. Kitty stays active with community peacemaking activities and Pastoral Care Team leadership at church. She stops into the SBC campus periodically when on route to Lynchburg for grandparenting duties. Nice memories of days gone by.

Ellen Apperson Brown moved back to Roanoke in Oct. (after spending the past 15 yrs. in Asheville, Blacksburg, Stuart, and Radford), and is hoping to develop a new career as a freelance writer/historian. Although this is probably the worst time to be looking for work in the field of public history, Ellen keeps knocking on every door and has completed a 50-page history for the Roanoke Kiwanis Club's 90th anniversary celebration. Her latest bold idea involves creating a website to teach history, especially of Southwest VA, and also provide assistance to genealogists, teachers, and people worldwide who are trying to learn more about their ancestors in 18th and 19th century VA. In addition to several other books in progress, she's thinking about put-

ting together a book about our class. She thinks it would be fun to collect our various perspectives about our Sweet Briar experience and compile a social history about a women's coll. in the late '60s and early '70s. Perhaps some current students could help collect interviews from us at a reunion, or over the phone? She'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions or would like to help. You can reach Ellen at mynewestchapter@verizon.net.

Trish Neale Van Clief and husband Dg are moving back to the Charlottesville, VA, to be near son Danny (32) and awesome Aussie daughter-in-law, Anna, and 2 of their 3 grandchildren: Daniel (3) and George (7 mos.) Daughter Helen (31) and husband Chase (also an awesome architect, musician, and artist) are parents of Ginny (18 mos.) and are expecting a 2nd baby in Aug. They live in Austin, TX, where Trish and Dg manage many visits now that they are retired. Trish was happy to have seen several friends from SBC this year, from '71: Cami Crocker Wodehouse, Nan Glazer LaGow and Michela English and from our class: **Barbara Tessin Derry, Gail Garner Resch, Lee Essrig, Marion Walker, Marcia Wittenbrook, Louise Martin Creason, and Char Sturbitts.** Everyone discussed her favorite books (See our Facebook Group for details! ~JJ) and focused at length on wrinkles, lard, thinning hair, exercise, aching joints, knees and rotator cuffs, suddenly and profoundly becoming grandmothers, fears of job loss, the cost of insurance, needing glasses and recalling all our old Sweet Briar times. All '72ers pledged to return to SBC for reunion in 2012! Trish sends best wishes to everyone—these are tough, challenging times for ourselves and our families—and urges everyone to pick up the phone or email to stay in touch with their beloved Sweet Briar friends. (Couldn't have said it better, Trish. Thanks for the nudge. You need an old friend's email? Contact me! ~JJ)

Hers may be redundant news, but since **Elise Webb Neeland** turned 60, repetition isn't an unusual occurrence! Older daughter, Leslie Harvey, and her husband, Thomas, had a baby girl with red hair in 4/09. The baby is named Virginia, since both Leslie and Thomas went to UVA law school and VA was their 1st home. They now live in San Francisco in Alameda (a little too far for grandparents, but frequent travel helps), and both have practices in intellectual property. 2nd daughter, Elizabeth, was married in 2/09, and she and husband Dave live in Charlotte, NC, where Liz does PR and marketing for a large group of lawyers. Liz and Dave moved from Atlanta to Charlotte just 2 mos. after they were married, so they have had a

busy 1st yr. Elise's husband David is still trying to slow down in his practice and maybe will be able to retire in less than 2 yrs! Elise and David hope it'll work out so they'll have more time to travel to see family and friends.

Last year was busy for **Carol Gody Herder's** family. Son Charles graduated from MIT with 2 degrees, one in electrical engineering and one in physics, got engaged, and then completed his M.A. in electrical engineering at MIT. Since his fiancé Tina is also an MIT grad, they decided to get married on a binary date: 01-10-10! Carol's daughter Sarah and son-in-law Marc Nathan just bought their 1st home. Sarah is busy with business travel while Marc is returning to the U. of TX to pursue an M.A. in mechanical engineering. Carol and husband Charlie have decided it's time to downsize to a townhome.

Pam Drake McCormick reports that all is well in Wenham, MA. She and Gardner are adjusting to the "empty nest." All 3 children have migrated to CO. Tucker and Tim are in Boulder and Molly is in Denver. Pam stays busy doing part time work for her town's local Education Fund. Sadly, her mom, "Ping" (Nancy Pingree Drake '43) passed away suddenly, but peacefully in Oct. She thanks all her SBC friends for all their support.

Needless to say, Pam sees sister-in-law, **Kathy Walsh Drake**, on a regular basis. Pam is reporting for Kathy who's on the road south for 2nd daughter Hadley Nixon's opening of a fashion boutique in Chapel Hill, N.C. called "Hadley Emerson." (Check it out on the Internet, or better yet, stop by!) Kathy and David still live in ME and their other 3 daughters are scattered. Elizabeth is an auditor at Price, Waterhouse, Coopers in Boston; Courtney is employed at Thompson Financial in Boston and Virginia (Jen) is applying to nursing school. Pam reports that Kathy's golf game continues to "shine."

Marty Neill Boney writes that her biggest news is daughter Kristen's marriage to Doug McBride out in northern CA in 9/09. Wedding excitement hit a fevered pitch when word came that Kristen had to have emergency abdominal surgery 2 wks. before the wedding. As Marty and Bill landed on the runway for the wedding weekend, son Andrew called to say that Kristen was headed back into the hospital for an infection. After an overnight stay, Kristen somehow managed to rally in time to make it down the aisle. Love once again conquered all! The newlyweds Kristen and Doug are thrilled to be in the process of buying a house in Berkeley. Meanwhile, son Andrew still loves hangin' in D.C. at his editor's job at CQ Press.

Marty reports great success in her annual Christmas Extravaganza shop-

ping trip in Raleigh with **Carter Frackelton** last fall. Santa managed to stuff every stocking on Carter's list before the weekend was over. Carter then surprised Marty and Bill this winter on one of their world-wind stays in Fredericksburg with special appearances from **Dale Shelly Graham, Jill Johnson, and Ginnie B. Payne Sasser**. (Yes, photos on Facebook Page! ~JJ)

Carter had her *1st ever Christmas away from home* in '09 and packed a lot in a short period of time. She went to visit Marty and Bill Boney in Wilmington, NC, to celebrate the Sept. marriage of their daughter, Kristen to Doug McBride at a lovely "East Coast" reception on 12/23. It was a beautiful occasion, she loved being with them all for such a happy time. On Christmas Eve, Carter flew to Cincinnati to join her brother and sister-in-law and her father (who drove from Richmond) in sharing the holidays with her niece Sara, her husband Evan and his family who also live there. The Feast of the Seven Fishes was a memorable holiday meal that just kept on coming! She then flew back to Charlottesville to make the tail end of a holiday family dinner there.

Carter has learned to knit. Working with a group of friends, she has accomplished a couple of scarves, a hat and a baby blanket and cap which she will be proudly delivering to nephew Robbie and wife Christine at a baby shower. Their new baby boy is expected to arrive mid Apr. Meanwhile, Carter stays busy with volunteer activities in addition to carrying out the duties of the family manufacturing business, which is experiencing the same difficulties of these tough economic times as most businesses are, particularly those in the building related industries.

Dale Shelly Graham says she really doesn't have much to report since she and James lead a pretty dull life. She's still following daughter Lily's lacrosse games up and down the east coast as she plays for her 3rd yr. at Davidson Coll. Their son Fielding lives in Dallas and works for Morgan Stanley, in case any of you Texans need some help with financial investments. In between, Dale tries to keep in touch with local SBCers as they celebrate birthdays and catch rays together at the beach.

Well, Ladies. That just about covers it, with the exception of a wonderful 2-day weekend celebration of **Mary Heller's** big birthday! Postponed in Dec., it was finally wedged in between Jan. snowmageddons and a wild time was had by all. **Janet Nelson Gibson, Carter Frackelton, and Ginnie B. Sasser** drove up from Fredericksburg. **Karen Medford** arrived from Annapolis. **Dale Shelley Graham** hosted the guests, and I drove in from Vienna, VA, both days. Mary wore one of my special

Tiara creations. (Photos on Facebook Group. ~JJ) Hopefully, we'll meet again, courtesy of Karen's ever-generous offer of summer entertainment at her lovely Rehoboth beach house. (Hopefully, we'll see pictures from Karen and **Eileen Gebrian's** trip last fall to Vietnam!) **Tina Hall Baugher**, who also has a beautiful beach home right around the corner, promises to join us for cocktails and laughter.

I appreciate all the news reporters who responded to my pleas. May the rest of you feel a twinge of nostalgia/obligation and contact me at your earliest. Email or USPS, either/both are welcome.

And, *please* keep me up to date with any email address changes! If you aren't getting my rare emails, I *do not* have your email address. Again, *not* that I'm a rabid social media fan, but do check in, look, laugh, and contribute whatever to the Facebook group, **Sweet Briar Class 72**. Big Thanks to all.

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I have sad news to begin... **Barbara Livingston** died the end of Aug. after a long illness. Barbara had lived in Auburn, NY, for nearly 15 yrs. She'd been employed by Wells Coll. in Aurora, NY, for several yrs. and recently was an administrative employee with the Cayuga-Onondaga County BOCES in Auburn. She was an active volunteer in a number of organizations, from the SPCA to those involving the performing arts, and the Willard Chapel. **Sara Meyerderks Hillgrove** attended the memorial service for Barbara Livingston in Oct., where, along with her brother from D.C. and sister from CA, she recalled happy SBC memories for the guests. "The theater ones were the best, as Barbara and I were the 2 theater majors in our class and were both *very* dramatic, then and in life! She was a good friend to me in spite of being completely whacky. I'll miss her."

I'm also sad to report the death of a former classmate, **Deborah Smith-Mardelli**, in Feb. 2010 of lung cancer. After leaving SBC, she graduated from George Mason U. Until recently she had worked as a technical writer for a company contracted to do work for the Justice Dept. She spent her younger yrs. in Germany with her parents, then lived the rest of her life in Northern VA. In addition to being a past president of the Northern VA Republican Women's Club, Deb was involved with a welcome home program for returning veterans at Ft.

Belvoir and also was active in a program that escorted Iraqi War veterans around the sights of Washington while they recuperated at Walter Reed Hospital. She is survived by her mother of Annapolis, her former husband and her 2 sons.

Thank goodness spring is just around the corner, at least we hope since snow was the big news this winter. **Glenys Church** had just finished shoveling the snow from last weekend and this wk. off the deck, only to have to start again! **Renee Sterling** even had blizzard-like conditions Christmas Eve in Dallas! **Cindy Bekins Anderson** wrote "I don't have any news to report this time, *but* I hope your snow is as pretty as ours was. We had about 20 in. in 2 separate storms, one on Christmas eve and the other just in time for the kids to return to school (worth 3 snow days!) It still hasn't melted, and we got another 5 in. last night!"

Diane Dale Reiling has been watching the winter weather in VA with disbelief! **Susan Bundy** has posted some photos and even said they couldn't get out the front door and had to climb out a 1st floor window in order to get out to shovel. Not much to report: good weather, no snow and a slowly improving economy and real estate market. I was admittedly relieved to not have to travel to SBC for board meetings this winter in light of the record snowfalls (plural) in VA. "I enjoy keeping in touch on Facebook with so many '73ers from around the country. I see Facebook as a great tool to use both to keep in touch and to plan our 40th reunion (gulp)."

Trish Gilhooly O'Neill writes "I'm in Phnom Penh at the moment. I come here every yr. as I'm honorary trustee of a wonderful orphanage just outside of the city. I just returned from taking a bus from Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City. It's a 6-7 hr. bus ride. What was I thinking? Interesting however to see the countryside. I'm off to Bangkok for a few days, then to the U.S. before returning to the Cotswolds where we still live part time.

Robin O'Neil was jealous of our snow! "We have only the cold weather with none of the fun. Although we do get to continue to foxhunt, very important! Hunting with The Camden Hunt has been cold but good. I've been busy with family, both happy and sad. My nanny who, at 18, came to live with us when I was born is in a nursing home and has started receiving hospice. I haven't had experience with this, but think it is really wonderful and am so grateful for it. The extra attention is most appreciated. My continued fundraising in the community for the non-profits I support is really tough. I just remind others that the world would

be an awful place in which to live if it weren't for the non-profits."

Joan May Harden writes the only new thing in her life is a 60 lb., yr.-old pit bull puppy they adopted from a shelter in Dec. "It's turned my life upside down (in a good way) and given our beagle a very large friend. The snow you've had this yr. has kept us in NJ more than we like! I think we'll probably be in Lexington full-time by this summer...here's hoping!"

Susan Craig reports "Our oldest son, Bennett, graduated last May from Davidson, and after working in WY into the fall, is now in the job search like so many others his age! Having a 23-yr.-old at home has been an adjustment, but also wonderful. Our younger son Edward is a senior at Coll. of Charleston and plans to graduate in the spring. I continue to work at my design and communication business, trying to keep up with technology and learning a lot, even with my aging brain. Wayne has joined a commercial real estate company after being on his own for most of 30 years. It's been good support in this economy. We're both working hard and enjoying life's simpler pleasures, not a bad thing!"

Peggy Garner and John are moving back to the Seattle area to be close to John's oncology doctors and their dear friends and family. We send all our best wishes to John.

Laurie Norris Coccio writes "Having retired as an elem. school principal, I'm now dir. of our town library. I love it, and not just because the schedule is flexible! It's allowed us to continue traveling, just recently surfing in Sayulita, MX, and skiing in Grand Targhee, WY. Nevertheless, my husband and I are looking to retire "again" and will enjoy our next chapter when (if?) our house sells. We're having fun considering the possibilities."

Susan Dern Plank and **Joan May Harden** attended the Inauguration of President Jo Ellen Parker and Homecoming on a soggy Sat. in Sept. "But the rain couldn't dampen anyone's spirits at such a wonderful celebration of the coll. I urge all of you to visit campus now; don't wait till Homecoming or Reunion! The new athletics center, with its Houston Bistro and the Upchurch Field House, is fabulous and the new "green" apartments are nicely-designed, spacious and eco-friendly. It was heart-warming to see and hear the students break into spontaneous applause as their professors processed into the inauguration ceremony. The reception that evening was a special time with good food, music and conversation. Steve and **Kathleen Cochrane Schutze** joined us at dinner and we met their lovely family: daughter Emily, who is a member of the SBC Class of '11, and her elder and younger brothers. I'm looking forward to

spring daffodils blooming and hope it's sooner rather than later."

Anne McDougall writes "During the past yr. I've been taking some courses in Christian counseling and am working toward certification. The process is slow since I haven't been in school for many yrs. but I'm enjoying the idea of embarking on a new career at this (great) age. Husband Ed has a new job working with our Central FL Presbytery. Daughter Maggie and her husband Jonathan (UVA alum) and daughters Annie and Lily (my grandchildren!) are planning a move to India later this yr. They've signed on for at least 4 yrs. of missionary work there. We'll miss them immensely, but look forward to travelling to places we hadn't planned to visit! Son Jim got married last summer and he and Rachel will settle in the central FL area. Ed and I are thankful to be healthy and involved in our careers, church and community. Blessings to all in class of 1973!"

Christine Eng Leventhal is still teaching science at Darien H. S. "Peter is teaching Tai Chi, doing nutritional counseling, and running his natural food store in Wilton; Amy, our eldest, is a certified personal fitness consultant in Montpelier VT, and is celebrating her 30th birthday (can't believe I have a 30-yr.-old daughter!) with a 3-wk. trip to Costa Rica; Nick (26) is working on a house reconstruction in Darien, and Jon (22) is living in Boulder CO. We visited my sister and her husband in Phoenix last winter; went to my niece's wedding in MN last spring, and went to Block Island in Jul. Just returned from Boulder last weekend and planning another Block Island visit in Jul.

Debbie Pollock Arce writes "I haven't written news in a *long* time, so here goes:

First, I connected with Diane & Chuck this weekend. They were down in OR for a mini-vacation, and we met for Sun. brunch & caught up. We traded what we knew about other classmates and promised to see each other more often when she is in OR or I'm in Seattle. I'm the CFO of a software company in the greater Portland, OR area. I was recruited away from a similar position at another software company a yr. ago, and this one is a little closer to home. I'm experiencing the empty nest as well. After getting amicably divorced 3 yrs. ago, I still had my youngest son, Reed, at home, but he's now a freshman at OR State. My older son, Ross, is a senior at U. of OR, majoring in English. My oldest child, and only daughter, Cory, is a graduate of U. of WA. She lives near Seattle, and is a manager for a wind energy company there. She and her boyfriend travel the world for fun, heading off to Iceland this month for 6 days, and Japan, Korea,

Thailand and Singapore for 3 wks. this summer. I travel a fair amount in my job, and am heading to the UK on business in mid-Mar. For fun, I run/walk half marathons. I did 4 last yr. and hope to do a few this yr. as well. My job keeps me busy, but I'm so looking forward to the day when all the college tuition is paid, and I can "retire" to something way less demanding to return the balance to my life!"

Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin "I don't have much to report other than the hair being a little grayer and 2 children mysteriously managing to be in their 30s, the other about to turn 28. To fight the perils of gravity, I've been taking a PE class at Bishop's called strength and conditioning which is loads of weight lifting and other exercises designed to make you stronger and fitter. I've discovered I love bench pressing and do it with gusto. One of my 9th grade "classmates" told his mother that he called class "weightlifting with Weezie." Bob shows no signs of slowing down doing college counseling and gap yr. counseling and loves southern CA as much as I do. No grandchildren yet, much to our dismay. I'm trying not to be an obnoxious mother and mother-in-law. Alexa is a student advisor at an on-line university and lives in the new snowbelt, MD. Blake has been at UNC Chapel Hill as a scholar-in-residence and is looking for a coll. teaching job and doing so at the worst possible time. Christopher and Allison are taking a yr. off from teaching and live in Australia for a yr. as she has dual citizenship. So, life is full and it's easy to stay healthy while living in the best climate in the country (La Jolla). Much love to all."

Lisa Marshall Chalmers reports her latest: "Our son, Marshall, graduated from Harvard Law and is working for the British firm, Freshfields, in London. Our daughter, Elizabeth, got married on 12/19/09 to Chris McGanity. They're living in Nashville where he attends Vanderbilt Law and she works for Gaylord-Opryland as a marketing coordinator. David and I are great and I'm still painting portraits.

Reynolds and I too survived the snow living down a little dirt road in our new place. We are off this week to the DR for my nephew's wedding and up to Boston this summer for my brother's wedding. All the kids and grandkids (some of whom we have to look up to now!) are all doing well. Reynolds is still treating horses, foxhunting, fishing and bird hunting. I'm still painting, fishing, hiking and hope to get back in the saddle with better weather. We plan to spend time in MT this summer and fall. I, like Weezie, am attempting to fight gravity by an exercise class called "boot camp," the name says it all! On that note, great to hear from you all!

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What a class! You came through in spades via e-mail, and we thank you for your updates! Many of you traveled to SBC for our 35th Reunion last May, and some of you wrote your impressions of the weekend:

Sandra Taylor continues to be an active SBC alumna. She attended Reunion, and said she realized her "dream" of staying in Randolph. She thanks her classmates for helping reach our (financial) goal! She also attended the inauguration of President Jo Ellen Parker. Her sister, Marsha Taylor Horton '76, sang at the event, and reports the new Field House on campus is spectacular.

On a recent trip to Atlanta, she met **Rossie Ray Spell** and **Mary Bush Norwood** for breakfast, and they talked about Mary's recent bid for mayor of Atlanta. Unfortunately, it was a close race, and she lost by less than 1,000 votes.

Sandra sees **Mary Witt, Constance Scott**, and Terry Starke Tosh '75, several times a yr. in Richmond, VA. Sandra continues working at SunTrust Mortgage as a Project Manager.

Rossie Spell had a wonderful time at Reunion, and enjoyed spending time during and after the event with **Daun Thomas Frankland, Tricia Barnett Greenberg, Beth Franke Lynn** and **Meredith Thompson Sullivan**.

Mary Witt, who also made it to the reunion, had a pre-reunion visit with several classmates in Richmond, VA before driving down to Sweet Briar. She and husband Fritz are doing well. Mary still works at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, but has recently been named medical director for care management. In her new position, she works closely with nurses and physicians to provide the best care for patients with complex medical conditions. She will also be the first woman to hold the post of president of the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association.

Paula Hollingsworth Thomas: All is well in Lewisburg, TN. Steve is the minister at Belfast Presbyterian and we love our little church. Charles and wife Julie live nearby in Franklin, TN. Elyse is finishing coll. at Belmont Univ. in Nashville. We hear from Barbara, Ellie and some other Boxwoodites. Sorry to

have missed Reunion. I'm sure that it was wonderful.

Debbie Hooker Sauers said it was hard for her to get back to the real world after being a coll. girl again over Reunion weekend. Debbie and **Drea Peacock Bender**, **Maureen Hynes Binder**, and **Pam Coghill Graham** helped **Sue Castle Rolewick** celebrate the wedding of her daughter, Katie. According to Debbie, the wedding was beautiful, and all the SBC girls were there in style!

The week after Reunion, **Jane Piper Gleason** and Joe moved from their suburban house in Webster Groves, MO, into a roomier urban condominium. From their home on the 23rd floor, they have a fabulous view of downtown St. Louis and the Arch.

"The fireworks around the metropolitan area on the 4th of July were wonderful," Gleason added. She also said it was great seeing everyone and that "we haven't changed a bit."

Also the week after Reunion, **Marcia Brandenburg Martinson's** oldest son, Andrew, was married, so she was unable to attend. (The best excuse yet!) She still lives in South Weymouth, MA, and works at her h. s. as director of alumni relations. She has fun following some of her SBC classmates on Facebook.

Jane Renne Steffen teaches at Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division. Her specialty is textiles for interior designers. I teach quilting in southern CA. I just bought a new 18" long arm quilting machine and it's computerized. She enjoyed the 35th reunion and saw many friends and made some new ones. She wishes we could've had a week together. Afterward she and her husband vacationed in D.C. and went to dinner with **Nancy Mortenson Piper** and Chris.

M. Tracy James wrote, "I always have fond memories of that gorgeous campus, beautiful rolling hills and area communities and the many wonderful people I met there on campus, while hiking and motorcycling." Tracy went on to graduate from CO Coll. on the "Block Plan" where students study one course at a time. She worked on design exhibits at the Children's Museum in Denver, and community arts programs. She completed law school in 1981 and is working as a mediator in the court system. She has been married for 37 yrs., has 2 boys (17 and 20) and lives on what she describes as a "semi-rural" farm in CO. She gave up horseback riding a few years ago, but continues to hike, ski, and garden. She also enjoys "good food, wine and conversation!"

Nancy Mortenson Piper attended the SBC Homecoming where she met new president, Jo Ellen Parker. She later gave a brunch for Parker in Washington,

D.C., where she saw **Sally Rebentish Randolph** and her sister who was in the class of '70. She also had a chance to see Terry's sister, Dorothy Lear Mooney '78, at the Saturday brunch "at Clyde's." Nancy's daughter, Kate, is graduating from Georgetown U. in May. Daughter Liz is 7th grade, plays basketball, and could be a Sweet Briar candidate since she loves horseback riding. Nancy works part-time at Talbot's and sees Sandra and Maria Vonetes '75 at the store often. **Sharon Mangus** had a Christmas dinner at her house in Dec. where she saw **Cindy Conroy**, Lisa Walker '75, and Jody Anderson '75. She reports that Sharon is an EMT in Alexandria, VA; Cindy is retired and splits her time between Alexandria and Cape Cod; Lisa recently moved to Georgia; and Jody is working at the SBA in Washington, D.C. (I hope I got all that straight!)

Nancy Blackwell Marion is the owner of The Design Group, a graphic and Web design firm in Lynchburg, VA, which has been designing this magazine for the last 25 yrs. She has also started a publishing company, Blackwell Press, and so far is publishing local histories, historic prints and a magazine, *Lynch's Ferry*. She taught a graphic design class at Sweet Briar for 8 yrs., but resigned last year to concentrate on her businesses. Now that her 3 children are grown and all but one out of coll., she and Dave are traveling quite a bit, thanks to their son's perks as a Continental Airline pilot.

Val Gordon-Johnson wrote: We did one Broadway play in 2009 (Neil LaBute's "Reasons to be Pretty"), which was critical and popular hit, but closed too early. We spent summertime between NYC, WY and Toronto, and winter in HI.

Andria Frances has been developing educational assessments at CTB/McGraw-Hill where she has been for the past 24 yrs. Daughter Ashleigh (24) has a master's degree in archaeology. She's been living in London for the past several yrs. and has participated in 2 archaeological digs in Kazakhstan with SBC Professor of Anthropology Claudia Chang. In the past couple of years, Andria has traveled to China, cruised down the Yangtze River, walked along the Great Wall, seen the Terracotta Warriors in Xian and enjoyed a foot massage in Shanghai, all of which were on her "100 Things to Do Before I Die" list. She also went on an African safari where she saw up-close the elephants, giraffes, flamingos and lions in several state parks. She's on the board of directors for "Baby Love," a nonprofit organization that participates in "rocking the babies" in a hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. She continues her volunteer work at the Animal Services where she plays with cats and kittens and helps with adoptions.

Many of our classmates are traveling to interesting places around the world.

Julie Shuer is still living in southern CA, but with 2 children in coll. and one in a h. s. semester program in Israel, she traveled to Tel Aviv for 3 mos. to continue her Hebrew studies. Her husband took off 3 wks. from his law practice and joined her. After that, they all met up again in Washington, D.C., to attend their son's graduation, summa cum laude, from George Washington U. Afterwards, she took her 2 oldest on a road trip to Sweet Briar and Lynchburg where they visited friends. The graduate, Benji Davis, is now living in Tel Aviv; their daughter, Gabrielle, is in her 2nd year of coll. in Los Angeles; and Sofia, their youngest, is a junior in high. Julie enjoys swimming, cooking, walking the dog and a "great 25-yr. marriage."

Bonnie Chronowski writes that she's facilitating a course for 46 registrants on church history. Son Christopher will graduate from the U. of VA's Darden School of Business in May, after which he'll work for Heinz in Pittsburgh, PA. Daughter Meghan lives in NYC and is a public relations coordinator for J. Mendel, the 5th generation furrier and designer of ready-to-wear clothing. Bonnie is looking forward to a vacation on St. Barth's in a couple of wks. with husband Jim. They're also planning a trip to Oberammergau, Germany, in Jul. to see The Passion play, which is performed every 10 yrs., and will be spending the rest of the summer in Nantucket, MA.

Debbie Pelham Bigum is living in Orlando, FL, with husband Randy who is now working for Lockheed Martin after retiring from the Air Force. Daughter Lindsay graduated from U. of VA and married Dan Huttman, also a UVA graduate. She holds a master's degree and continues to work at Lockheed Martin in Human Resources. Daughter Courtney will be graduating from FL State U. with a degree in recreation and leisure. Debbie said she and her husband are traveling quite a bit, their most recent excursion to Costa Rica in Jan. Both are now looking forward to a trip to Tuscany in Apr., Atlantis in Jun., and a family fly fishing trip in Sept. to Steamboat Springs, CO. Last Sept., Debbie had lunch with her SBC roommate, **Mary Fantone Davies** in Norfolk, VA.

Meredith Sullivan and John traveled to Botswana this past fall to photograph the "Big Five," including a viewing of "ol' Silver Eye," an aging lion, known far and wide for his opaque cataract eye and bad disposition. We saw **Rossie Spell** and her children in Atlanta on the way to catching our flight to Johannesburg, South Africa. We ended in Cape Town at the Cape Grace for a much needed rest before chugging north on the Rovos Rail to Johannesburg for our trip back to MT. Meredith also had

dinner with Jo Ellen Lenoir Blunk '75 in Houston over the Christmas holidays.

Victoria Bates continues to work as a family practitioner for an HMO in Tallahassee, FL., and has started a part-time Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment Clinic for back and neck within her practice. This yr. she'll take a 3-mo. sabbatical to better understand osteopathy. 3 yrs. ago, she moved her mother, Carolyn Bates, to an assisted living facility near her home. She and her husband took a quick trip to Copenhagen, Denmark in Nov.

Joan Buckley Saunders said, "I've never been in Class Notes, so here goes." She's married to an Englishman (Robert), has been living in Andover, MA for the past 26 yrs., and they have 3 children: Nicholas (24), Amanda (22), and Peter (19). She has her own design business, and works mainly with fabric when she and her husband are not on the golf course. (You did a good job, and we'll look forward to your next installment.)

Marion Van Horn Eagan celebrated Mardi Gras and the Super Bowl victory in her city of New Orleans. She and **Ann Pritchett Van Horn** were looking forward to a visit from **Robin Christian Ryan** and **Ruthie Lentz** in Mar. over spring break.

Elizabeth Watts reports that she and husband Bobby are in their 18th yr. at Episcopal H. S. where he teaches history and coaches track, and she still works for the development and communications offices. She's also the school's photographer. They're thrilled to be grandparents of Robert C. Watts (Chip), born in 6/09. He and his parents, Rob and Alden, are now living in Japan. Daughter Betsy and husband David are living in Atlanta for a yr. before they return to Washington, D.C. in the fall.

Laurie Epstein Dearlove says she enjoys being "Nana" to her 1st grandchild, Quincy, born 7/8/09. He lives in Denver with his parents, Jenni and Jim, but "there are numerous visits." Her husband continues to create new business enterprises in the field of health and wellness. Stepdaughter Jessica is back from a 3-yr. mission to Kenya to provide AIDS testing and information to the Maasai as well as spreading God's Word. She's now going for her master's in psychology. The other stepdaughter, Brady, will enter coll. in fall, and stepson John is a junior at Glenbrook South H. S. She also keeps active in her Pilates reformer sessions and practices her program of "Sheanetics," a combination of yoga, tai chi, ballet and Pilates.

Betsy Hellmuth was sympathetic to our plight as class secretaries since she herself compiles Class Notes for her h. s. graduation class and is now planning its 40th reunion with **Sarah Johnston Knobluach** hosting one of

the parties. She and husband Ted will be grandparents at the end of May, in fact, the baby is due on **Janie Reeb Short's** birthday! Daughter Katie and husband live in Beacon, NY, after 8 yrs. on the upper west side of Manhattan. Son TJ owns a RED movie camera and travels on assignments as they come up. He and his wife live in Columbus where she'll be teaching dance. Their youngest, Kimberly, is in Chicago, where she is studying to become a certified paralegal. She still sells Doncaster clothing while her husband works as an investment advisor, concentrating on corporate bonds.

Francesca "Checka" Delle is still a kindergarten teacher at PS 7 in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn. Her daughter is following the footsteps of her father, Paul, and is in her 2nd yr. of Hofstra Law School. Her son is a paramedic in the city. She hasn't seen anyone from SBC since her parents moved from Washington D.C. to the eastern shore and unfortunately, was not able to make Reunion. Checka plans to take a group of 4th graders to a dairy farm in VT for a wk. in the summer. She did it last yr. and it was a blast. It exposes city kids to a whole different environment and they learn so much from it, she says. She and her husband are planning to go to Saratoga Springs, NY for a few days this summer. "Other than that I'm trying to fight the battle of the bulge by running, biking, swimming, going to the gym and kayaking. I'm also involved in my church as a eucharistic minister and catechist. Hope you are well."

Sally Rebentisch Randolph, who will become a grandma for the 2nd time, reports, "This grandmother thing is great!" She's still teaching 3rd grade and will be retiring in about 5 yrs. Sally also saw **Ceci "Kirby" Wraase, Sally Clary, Jane Frierson, and Karla "Kiine" Bradshaw** recently when they all met for "tea." (Tea? Riiiiiggghhh-hhhhhhhhhh . . .)

Alethea Lee is making the rounds, 1st spending Thanksgiving with her family in RI, and later visiting her mother and other family members over the Christmas holidays in ME. She also reported, "As I was coming home I had a really bad auto accident on 95—high speed, hit and run, 3 cars. I got a broken hand and had to have an operation. My car is gone, but I'm alive!" Fortunately, she is in physical therapy and back to knitting again.

Please send more news for our next Class Notes, and we'll "get it out there" as they say on CNN!

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Hi, classmates! We now have a Facebook group, so if you're on Fb and haven't joined yet, please do! It's a great place to reconnect.

Our deepest condolences to **Jo Ella Schneider Samp** and Rich on the unexpected loss of their son Peter in 2/09, which I just learned about recently.

Becky Mayer Gutierrez: My 3 sons and 3 grandsons are well. George and his wife bought a house; their son was 1 on 3/14/10. Anthony and his girlfriend are very close and visit often with Gavin (3) and Gauge (2) on 3/15/10. Michael is in Heidelberg, Germany working as an MP in the Army; he is doing well. I hope to visit him during the summer of 2011. I continue to teach 5th grade. I love teaching and the students, I hate all the paperwork and stress from the state standardized test. I also work weekends baking at a coffee shop, enjoy the variety. My family has rented a house in York Beach, ME, for a week in Jul., can't wait. We are truly blessed.

Debbie Koss McCarthy: Our 1st grandchild, Anna Grace Ramey, was born 1/25 to our daughter Courtney and husband John. But Atlanta is too far away from Chapel Hill! I'm taking a sabbatical in the spring and will spend lots of time there. Alex still enjoys work and play in Manhattan. David and I are fine.

Barb Bernick Peyronnet: I'm busy with Annie (15) and Maggie (20). Maggie attends William and Mary and Annie is a freshman in h. s. I continue to play golf and serve on the 9-holers board. We've had a great season snow skiing at Wintergreen, VA, with terrific conditions! Doug & I stay busy with church, kids and elder care. I'm walking in the annual 10K and am raising money for

Massey Cancer Center as I celebrate 6 yrs. in May as a cancer survivor.

Angela M. Scully: I'm enjoying serving as Exec. Dir. of the Darlington Arts Center in PA. Daughter Clara graduated from Kenyon and is working in theatre in Philadelphia and son Matthew is a Jr. at Clarkson U.

Molly Reeb Nissman: My kids are growing fast! Nancy (29) works at the national office of the American Diabetes Assoc. in Washington, D.C. Andrew (17) and Matt (13) are both at Norfolk Acad. I'm busy with my job at UBS as a Financial Advisor in Norfolk. I have 3 partners at UBS, one of whom is my sister, Jane Reeb Short '74. We have fun working together! I continue to play tennis; it's a great physical and mental outlet. Last year, my 4.5 USTA team went to Nationals and we came in 4th! I'm renovating my house; there's always a project to do!

Ellen Sellers McDowell: My youngest child Kate graduates from high school in May. We had a nice visit to SBC last fall but she has decided to go somewhere else. I thought the campus looked great and the food was wonderful. I would love to be going back. Kate and I are going on a fun spring break trip together, 1st to England to plan a summer mission trip for our church youth group and then to Paris where we will meet my sister Susan Sellers Ewing '71. I hope I remember enough of my French to get around. Rex is working in AL every week so he's commuting between Dallas and Montgomery. Our oldest daughter Emily (24) is finishing a master's degree in Geology from U. TX in Austin and will be moving to Houston this summer to work for Hess Petroleum. Ginny (22) finished at TCU last year and is working in Dallas for a small communications company. Mary Susan (20) is a sophomore at TCU and is studying engineering. I'm volunteering at Kate's school, Parish Episcopal, as a Senior Mom planning fun lunches for the senior class (I still love to plan parties!) and at our church with the youth group and with Altar Guild.

Stephanie Maxson Kenyon: All is well in the Maxson-Kenyon household. We're gearing up for the h. s. baseball season. Jay's the starting Varsity catcher this year, so we get to sit in the bleachers and sweat every pitch. Next it's college tours. I'm still teaching 6th grade. My husband has retired, but substitutes most days.

Fran Scott: I've begun a 2nd decade with Scott Gardner Group, my marketing/branding consultancy. Son Zach turns 21 this yr. and still hopes to make his fame and fortune writing and producing in the music industry (as does everyone else in Nashville).

Christine Boulware: Last year, my youngest child, my daughter, finished

law school and is now a practicing attorney in Houston, TX! My son continues his career as a mid-level financial executive with his multinational corporation and is now weighing options regarding an overseas assignment—fun! I continue weathering the economic storm as an executive recruiter, but have now begun the final stages of launching our internet business, Indiefilmz.com.

Kathy Roantree Renken: What a year! We've moved from MN to TX. It all happened very quickly, but now the family is together. Jeff no longer has to commute as he's now a full-time employee of Lockheed Martin. Children have had lots of changes also. Doug (23) graduated from SD School of Mines and also started working for Lockheed Martin, but in Marietta, GA. Emily (20) graduates this yr. from Evangel U. and is planning a 3-mo. missions/internship trip to Nairobi. Then she'll be in the job market for a job in public relations. Tim (17) is a homeschooled h. s. junior; so I have only one more year of teaching at home. With the move everything is very new and starting over seems daunting. SBC'ers in Fort Worth, give me a call!

Libby White Drbal: Life keeps cooking with Drew loving his sophomore yr. at Elon in NC and the fraternity life there. He hopes to study in Dublin fall semester next year, which would be very exciting. He'd check in on my Amsterdam family from junior semester abroad. I'm still in touch with them. Tyler (17) a junior, is in the throes of trying to complete his Eagle Scout project and focusing on where he wants to go to college. Doug has a challenging new job as director of marketing in a small veterinary pharmaceutical company based in northern NJ. He loves the challenge of bringing in more business, which he's doing, but not without losing a few more hairs. I worked for a small saddlery shop last year, which was fun, but unfortunately it didn't survive the small business crunch and right before Christmas had to close its doors. I'm interviewing, trying to get back into veterinary pharmaceutical marketing communications, part-time. Like all of us, Doug and I continue to monitor our aging parents' health and home issues. We're fortunate to still have all four of them with us, but as you all know, aging is not for sissies. (Ain't that the truth! These birthdays are getting ridiculous for us 77ers!)

Roxane Clement: I've been whipping myself into shape going to Bikram Yoga with Gregor Lee (class of 2000). I'll soon be travelling back and forth between Asheville and MT for a decorating job. I've enjoyed being able to touch base with more SBC classmates through Facebook.

Nina Baker Neal: Got remarried 3 yrs. ago to a wonderful man and moved

to Ellicott City, MD. My daughter, Natalie, is a sophomore at U. of St. Andrews in Scotland and really enjoys it. She has always been a rider, but is now into playing polo! I stick to riding bikes with my husband.

Missy Flanigan Clark: Life in VA is going well. David and I have our grown kids. Lauren is married and graduating from UVA with her masters and will be a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Patrick finished NC State a couple of years ago and Philip is at ECU playing baseball for the Pirates in the spring and the Outer Banks Daredevils in the summer months. I love my work at Saint Patrick Catholic School as the Minister of Spiritual Formation, and I never have a dull moment as the lower school religion teacher.

And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, am enjoying being near our new great-nephew Alec Brown, born 1/18. He joins his brother Jack (6) also nearby. We count them as our "virtual grandchildren," along with their cousins Zach (1) and Bella Cannon (4) in NH. I'm also enjoying living in Richmond. Pete and I celebrated 32 yrs. of marriage in Feb.

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Saralee Cowels Boetler writes:
I'm still busy as senior partner with Fleishman-Hillard International Communications; serving on a National Trust for Historic Preservation advisory board for Historic Woodlawn (George Washington gave it to his step-granddaughter, Nelly Custis) and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House (only FLW building in VA open to the public) and spending time with George and dog, Angus at our WV cabin. I'm starting to ride again (baby steps!) and spending as much time as I can with my 2 nephews, both of whom had small roles in Academy-Award winning film, "The Blind Side" with Sandra Bullock.

Aimee Brett Kass: I work at Vort & Morgen, LLC, a law firm that concentrates on civil litigation with a focus on DYFS and public education. I'm also the producer of a popular radio talk show in the NY metropolitan region, The Sam Greenfield Show on WVNJ. (The show can be heard online.) We're not right or left, just rational and entertaining. We

had SBC alumna Molly Haskell '61 as a guest last summer. I manage a comedy troupe called Full Metal Mamas in NYC with edgy humor. The leader is Sam's wife, Barbara Singer. And finally, I'm busy with the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County as Pledge Chair and organizer of fund raisers.

Betsy Byrne Utterback. Jim and I moved to Tampa in Dec. where he's working for Moffitt Cancer Center. I've been lucky enough to visit **Laura Evans** and Graham in Palm Beach and Sally Ann in Key Largo. I'm looking into continuing interior design in Tampa once I get comfortable. Our children are out of the house: James (28) is in grad school (architecture) at Syracuse, Chris is working in Phila in clinical research consulting and Jenny (23) is in NYC at SonyMusic working at Epic Records. Looking forward to the summer in NH. I had lunch with Louise about 6 mos. ago and she's busy with her 2 girls who are wonderful swimmers!

Susan Andrews Cress: Leigh's job, SVP Energy Marketing & International at Enbridge, had its ups and downs. Travel mercifully slowed down a bit with the sale in Apr. of Enbridge's stake in a crude oil pipeline in Colombia. Sadly, that means no business reasons for now to visit a country that Leigh and Susan have come to love, but the May closing party in Bogotá, preceded by a few days in Cartagena, was a memorable farewell. Susan is in her 2nd year as president of the Junior League of Calgary, her full-time unpaid job. Her term has been eventful but rewarding, highlighted by steady growth in membership and preparation for a celebration of the League's 60-year history in Calgary. Her term ends in Jun. 2010 and Susan will take some time to relax and decide what she wants to do next. Jim is a 1st yr. law student at the U. of British Columbia. Andrew is a 3rd-yr. student at U. of Alberta.

Deborah Parker Gibbs is still practicing law in Baton Rouge, LA; saw **Carol Williamson** in Boston in Oct. She stays there often to visit her son at St. Paul's. **Margaret Hixon** arrived to visit her just as I was leaving, unfortunately. I had a good telephone visit with **Mikki Farley Canning**, who has a new farm in KY where she'll be spending time soon, nearer her sons at Vanderbilt and Fort Benning, GA. In the small world department, youngest daughter Martha, a freshman at Sewanee, has befriended Sumner Dalrymple, Liz Day's ('78) daughter. I had a wonderful time parent's weekend seeing Liz and her husband Chris. I think often and fondly of the peaceful days at Sweet Briar and look forward to hearing news of our class.

Lauren MacMannis Huyett: I'm in Concord, MA, and down to 1 child

at home, Susan, (16) a sophomore at Concord-Carlisle H. S. Kate is 26 and working at Goldman-Sachs in NYC, Phillip (24) is at Tufts Medical School in Boston; Peter (21) is a senior at Gettysburg Coll., Chip (20) is a freshman at Miami U. in OH. I have my own residential interior decorating company, a lot of fun. In Jan., I hosted the Boston Alumnae SBC Club luncheon. Many ages came (60 plus people), a lot of fun! My mother Lois Gene Patton '44 and her friend Paulett Taggart '44 sang the Senior Steps song that my Mom wrote while at SBC!

And I, **Mary Robbie McBride Bingham**, have a wonderful job working at Helen Cordero Elem. in Albuquerque, working with the gifted and talented students and the lower archiving kindergarten. We have a promising 3-yr.-old at the racetrack and hope he does well this spring. *Please email me at: sweetbriar1979@gmail.com. I have tried to email everyone, but got a lot of returns!* Also, please do not feel that the only thing you can write in about is your family. We'd all love to hear about what makes you happy and your hobbies, passions, etc. *Thank you!*

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Hello Classmates! A number of you sent your news. Thank you all. **Naomi Weyand Smith** and husband Scott live in Atlanta where Scott is the General Counsel of Genuine Parts Company. Naomi is an employment discrimination attorney at Fisher Broyles. She writes, "I'm also on the Board of Directors of the Center for Family Resources, which helps homeless families with housing, food, and job training. Our son, Harrison (21), is a junior at Presbyterian Coll. in SC and thinking about law school. Our daughter, Emily (18) is a h. s. senior, and is considering SBC. We recently moved to an old house in Druid Hills in Atlanta, which we'll have to renovate. We also bought a house in Nantucket and saw Roberta Perillo '82 in Nantucket last summer. I had ankle

replacement surgery at Duke in Jan. and am still recovering from that and hoping for good results."

Elaine Arozarena is a global Advisor in Human Capital Solutions with partners in Europe and headquarters in Vienna, Austria. "The brand name is Neumann Partners, and my brand in Iberia and the Americas is Global Human Capital Solutions." She adds, "My husband Carlos Montero de Alba and I have no children but split our time between Madrid, Spain, and NYC. I also head a nonprofit foundation called SABORES AUTENTICOS DE MEXICO where we will start qualifying Mexican restaurants by their authenticity with ONE, TWO or THREE EAGLES...the idea is to differentiate us from Tex-Mex, which is the food you eat in the U.S."

Helen "Sam" Masters Durham is still in Rochester, MN, working as dir. of marketing for the Mayo Civic Center with Buck (HSC '80) at the Mayo Clinic. Rob (20), the youngest, is in his 2nd yr. at Hampden-Sydney. Arch (27) is in NYC and Ann Husted (23) is in NC. Helen saw **Mary Ware Gibson, Lea Sparks Bennett** and Mason Bennett Rummel '83 last mo. Helen writes "Sadly I lost my mom right before Christmas and the most touching text came from **Mary Ware Gibson** when she told me she'd be driving up for the funeral, 'SBC girl needs a hug, I'll be there.' It just goes to show you that the lifelong friends you make at SBC carry you through the toughest times."

Boo Major is in her 12th yr. as head coach for the U. of SC Equestrian team. She keeps up with Lisa Kean '80 who has built a beautiful vacation home on the outskirts of Asheville, NC. Boo says, "You'd never know that Asheville is 5 min. from her house with the beautiful views of the mountains she has." Boo's son, Mac, is in the 4th grade and enjoys hunting and fishing; he shot 2 bucks this year. Mac also plays football and baseball. "He's not too interested in horses which leaves me relieved! I couldn't afford it. Of course I still have 3 retired horses and a donkey at my farm as pasture ornaments."

Kathy Levi Hoover and Michael are living in Richmond and they have finally emerged from 2 major renovations to their home. Kathy writes "We loved our neighborhood and didn't want to move (Anne Little Woolley '83 is our neighbor). Kate (21), a '3rd year' at the McIntire School of Commerce at UVA, is following in her dad's footsteps. Anna (14) attends Collegiate School in Richmond. I see **Terrell Luck Harrigan** often, as we're both room mothers for our daughters' 8th grade advisories. I also see **Daughy Hagan Godfrey** when our daughters' sports teams play each other. Michael is president of Caprin Asset Management. I keep busy

with family, friends, and volunteer work. I enjoy planning our vacations. Our favorites so far have been Yellowstone and San Francisco. I love to hear from and see all my SBC classmates!"

Stephanie Rinaldi Charlip is living in Weston, MA, and she writes, "This year my husband, Steve, (UVA class of '81, UVA Law class of '87) started his own commercial real estate law practice. My oldest child, Allie (23) graduated from UVA in 2009; she'll be applying to vet school in the fall. In the meantime, she and I are going to Panama in May on a Castration Vacation (a program called SpayPanama, which spays and neuters over 5,000 feral cats and dogs per yr). My middle child, Annie (21), is a sophomore at the U. of MI, loves it. My youngest, Jeff (15) is a freshman in h. s. I'm still training and boarding dogs in my home. I have a new bird dog, an American Brittany puppy named Finn; and I have taken up pheasant hunting. I see **Anne Sargeant Rosenthal** frequently, and talk to **Harriet Bielitsky** as often as I can.

Susie Wilson Lyons writes from Lexington, KY, "I wasn't a real active student at SBC so many may not even know me! But, it was a good time with some super fun memories." Susie's oldest son, Will (24) has graduated from college; sons Michael (21) and Chris (20) are in college and her youngest, Sam (16) is a sophomore in h. s. Susie completed 2 yrs. at SBC and spent a summer taking classes at the U. of AZ then went to KY for a short while, or so she thought. Susie met her husband, Robbie, and the rest is history!

Susie writes, "I've decided, at the age of 50, to go back to college to get my degree. It was interesting to say the least to request my transcript from SBC, looks like I was not too into studying! I'm loving it, working towards a B.S. in management and ethics through Asbury U. My boys are constantly asking me about my grades, and I seem to need their help a lot! So interesting to be reading books and writing papers again, but I love it." Susie and Robbie own Hartwell Farms, a thoroughbred breeding and sales company. She sees Ashton Nesbit Moynihan '82 and her 2 wonderful daughters. Susie says hello to **Betsy Simpson Hilberts**, **Anne Sargeant Rosenthal**, **Stephanie Rinaldi Charlip**, **Laurie Coe**, **Harriet Bielitsky**, and **Nancy Webb Corkery**.

Allison Roberts Greene has had a busy yr. looking at high schools for daughter Mackenzie (14). Allison says "It looks like she's headed to the Grier School in PA after Labor Day and she is excited about her choice. We just returned from a wk. in Grand Cayman Island. We had a wonderful spring break seeing sea turtles, tropical fish, blue iguanas, and stingrays. The kids,

Mackenzie, Andrew (13) and Meredith (10) enjoyed swimming every day. Most of all, we enjoyed how friendly the locals were to us. We were happy to return home to warmer weather." Allison still works on the Advisory Board of Walk On Equine Assisted Activity. It's been a joy for her to see the program grow to over 50 participants. Allison will be participating in 3 upcoming fundraisers. Meanwhile, Carson continues to volunteer as a Life Line Pilot. He just flew a cargo mission for Haiti.

Stephanie Stitt Fitzpatrick is "immersed in the sandwich generation, with teenagers on one side and an 80-yr.-old mother on the other, family life is full. Work has expanded, too, as I've taken on clients with a large contemporary art collection. It's all good, but after the snowy deluge D.C. experienced, I'll be glad when spring arrives!" Stephanie's kids, Alex (15) and Robbie (12), made "lots of \$ for the Special Olympics, shoveling!"

Mary Kate Ferguson is living in Baltimore and has enjoyed staying connected with so many classmates on Facebook. Mary Kate writes, "I traveled to VT several times this past winter to visit an old friend and got hooked on the simple clean lifestyle there. Did a lot of knitting and opened a shop on Etsy. com."

DJ Stahnope writes from the Middle East, "I spent the last couple of yrs. with Military Ministry, where I assisted in the production of a 30-hr. DVD training series for churches, professionals and individuals on Christ-centered healing for PTSD; and served as volunteer coordinator in the Spiritual Resources dept. I bought my 1st home ever in lovely Williamsburg, VA, and visited with many wonderful SBC pals who also now make VA their home, including Betsy Kyle Donahue '82 (who hosted me for the past 4 Thanksgivings at her house), Jean von Schrader Bryant '82, and Polk Green '82. In Feb., I rejoined the USO for which I had previously worked overseas and stateside for 10 yrs., in order to return to direct service to troops, which has always been my heart. Now serving as a duty manager at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, I have a lot less responsibility than I had in senior leadership, but much more direct contact. I'm hoping to be tapped for a position in Afghanistan in the next 6 mos., bringing to bear all the experience and training I've had from both USO and Military Ministry. I place frequent updates about my adventures on Facebook and would welcome anyone to 'friend' me if they'd like to follow along or to send an email to djstahnope@gmail.com."

Anne Grovesenor Evard and husband Walter are living in Versailles, France. "Our antique shop is doing

well, and we had a visit from Carolyn Birbeck Thomason '80 and Tish Longest Tyler '80. As for children, Anne-Marie and Helene are now working and have their own apts. That still leaves me 4 at home! Constance and Louis are in graduate studies at universities in the Paris suburbs, and Clotilde is studying dramatic arts at the Versailles Conservatory. My youngest, Bertrand, is a senior in h. s., so we're almost out of the school routine. Walter still works for the Germans, in direct marketing. He enjoys the shop on weekends, and spends all his free time searching for things to sell." Hope more SBC alumnae will stop by to see us. We're next to the wonderful food market in Versailles, in a pedestrian antique quarter, with about 50 other shops. So y'all come on over!"

Eve Devine writes from Baltimore "In 1/09, I left the hospitality industry and took a position with the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore as VP of Human Resources. I love my surroundings; I look outside my office window and see Giraffes, Elephants, Camels, and Lions. The MD Zoo is the 3rd oldest zoo in the U.S. and is part of a 200-acre park in Baltimore. The property, built in 1809, was once owned by a Revolutionary War hero and is the main administrative office for the Zoo. It is a wonderful place to work. If you are visiting Baltimore, come see us. I enjoy seeing **Brendy Reiter Hantzes**, **Mary Kate Ferguson** and **Tania Voss Ryan** as regularly as our schedules permit."

Diana Landau McCulloch has had an exciting 3 yrs! "I went to my 30th h. s. reunion and re-met someone I dated in 9th grade! Last summer I moved my daughter, Pepper (11), the dogs and horses to the Jacksonville area. Pepper is attending St. Johns Country Day School on Doctors Lake and the horses/dogs enjoyed the mild (for us!) winter. We're on the St. John's River—it's HUGE—and I'm so glad to be in the South again! I still have my Revolutionary farm in Chadds Ford and as both our families are still in PA, we try to get up often to visit. I have spoken a few times with **Stephanie Snead Jurascio**, who was still in the Baltimore, MD, area with 3 children. Can't wait to see what all have been up to!"

Harriet Harrison Leavell writes that all is well in Houston (no hurricanes in 2009!). Harriet's son, Walton (21) will graduate from Rhodes College in May 2010, majoring in international business. Last summer he was in Belgium doing an international business program through Rhodes. Her daughter, Brooks (17), is a junior in h. s. and looking at colleges. She plays field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse and wants to continue lacrosse in college. In between lacrosse tournaments, she spent a month study-

ing in Salamanca, Spain, last summer. Harriet writes, "I was able to go to Spain for the end of her trip which was lots of fun. I'm still working part time as a CPA in a private company and I play tennis at least once a wk. Whitney is still at Merrill Lynch and tries to get to AK every yr. or so for hunting, hiking and fishing. Walton went with him last summer and they had a blast. I see **Dana Painter Parkey** (who is Brooks' godmother) and **Florence Baldwin Langford** whose daughter, Annie, plays field hockey and lacrosse with Brooks.

Florence Baldwin Langford and Tom have been in Houston for 3 ½ yrs. and love it, although they miss the fall of the northeast. After 3 yrs. of living in temporary housing, they have settled in a house they renovated. Florence writes, "Our son, Byron (21) is now a junior at Middlebury and our daughter, Annie (18), is a senior in h. s. and will be going to Colgate next yr. We're thrilled they'll be in the same general area. We will be empty nesters, so I plan to do more volunteer work and travel with my husband some. I didn't make it up to SBC for the dedication of the new Bistro in Sept., but hope to get up there soon! I see **Harriet Harrison Leavell** all the time—our girls go the same h. s. and play sports together."

Nancy Webb Corkery is working part time for a jewel store in Wellesley, MA and for The Great American Rain Barrel Company. She spent Easter with Carla Cabot '84. Nancy is having fun playing tennis, cannot wait for golf season to start up, and is looking forward to racing and some cruising on her new boat this summer. All the boys are good. David is still working hard with CBRE in Boston. Kevin, a junior at St. Lawrence U., is majoring in Sociology and Education. Kyle, a sophomore, is a business major at The College of Charleston. Nancy is hoping to get to Italy this fall to see Laura Evans '79.

John, the girls, and I are still in Annapolis. Mary (16) is a sophomore and looking at colleges in the horizon. Seventh grader, Lizzie (13), is taking a pottery class and she loves it.

If you get to the Lake Placid Pub and Brewery, you will see the SBC penant that I mentioned in my notes last time, hanging on the wall. A silly, but fun, pursuit of mine. Thank you for sharing your news. Take care.

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Amoret Thisell was the 1st to write, wishing her classmates *ig Jul og Godt Nytt År* or New Year's greetings from NY where she was busy baking additional Julekake (Christmas bread). Daughter Emma Grace (4) attends "International Pre-School," with many United Nations families. Big sister Diana (7) is the mirror image of the "girl" from the original Mod Squad show—same long hair and tie-dyed clothes, (FYI it was actress Peggy Lipton). While little sister Dorothea enjoys PS 116 in Murray Hill, surrounded by children from the NY Medical Center families. Doro, as she's known, was very proud of her class project describing her family's immigrant story and how her grandfather came to America from Norway. Happy that builders finally finished a new deck for their beach house on the East End of Long Island, she describes the three levels, as all raised, overlooking beautiful Moriches Bay; near where husband Edvard was born. The family will renovate the 1950's bathrooms, kitchen, and finish replacing the collapsed ceilings. An unheated summer home, they look forward to it becoming as livable as one of the dilapidated beach houses in the area, an old East End tradition. Amoret extends the invite to all who visit the East End. The family was busy, last summer, for the 3rd time in 10 yrs.; they had a major field fire at their farm in upstate NY. The fire was from power lines downed during a storm and although the entire power line fell down, the power stayed on and the hot electric cable burned a trench into their east paddock, turning the sandy soil into glass! Thankfully the windstorm brought rain, naturally controlling the spread of the fire. The electric company moved all the power lines from the back of the farm out to the street. Not only will it be safer for the family, but the unsightly utility lines will be gone from the scenic part of the property, she's thrilled. Equally thrilling was Amoret's confrontation with the bats that invaded the old farmhouse in Jul. You may ask how one gets rid of bats? With a trap, which Amoret did. So in case you planned to visit Amoret and family upstate, do not fear the bats, they were extracted from the home at least for now. Back in the city, Amoret's genealogical work uncovered that Edvard's American great-grandfather was an ecclesiastical architect and active in the original congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest in midtown Manhat-

tan. She therefore joined the church, and the family celebrated Christmas Eve services. We look forward to reading more of Amoret's unique encounters with nature in future updates.

Liz Hoskinson sent a Happy New Year "and all that" As it is winter; Liz has been at her writing desk more than usual, penning articles for *CentralEquine.com*, *TheEquestrianCorner.com* and the area newspaper on notable trees. The subject was daunting, since it dawned on Liz that she loves trees, but "knows zero about them." It took a bit of scrambling to pull off a plausible piece. The horse business continues to do well, with a good roster of students and fun horses. Liz continues to be concerned about the indifference towards global warming, especially among the "soccer mom" crowd as she indicates, and works on a local committee to address this. We look forward to Liz sharing with us how we can each do our part to gain greater awareness, taking action in our own lives.

Speaking of global warming, **Priscilla Ream McPheeters** wrote from SC on a 68-degree day in Feb., just as she was beginning to think that the family needed to head farther south for milder days. In addition to celebrating the balmy weather, Priscilla and husband Chip just made their last tuition payment this semester to SBC as daughter Heather graduates on May 15th. She still can't believe how fast 4 yrs. went! Priscilla hopes to see everyone at our 30th reunion.

Theologian and horse back rider extraordinaire, **Nancy Dougherty Davidson** wrote from VA. Daughter Meredith is a freshman at Clemson, enjoying school and is a member of the rowing team. Daughter Hyten, a junior in h. s. runs cross-country and rides in her spare time, while Lydia the "baby", is in 6th grade, rides all of the time with mom. Per my last update, Nancy earned a master's degree in theological studies at the VA Theological Seminary and is involved in her church while pondering the "valuable things she can do with the degree." She continues to teach riding lessons in Middleburg and dabble in the jumper world with her horse Martini. Husband Mike a former West Point graduate, is a government attorney.

Never one to sit back and do nothing, **Frances Ruth Fowler Bauerle** is the consummate pro multi-tasker with 2 sons, a husband and an organic, working farm 30 mi. outside of Athens, GA. Her life has been consumed with leading a grassroots effort in fighting an environmental cause. She and her fellow citizens of Elbert County, GA, collected 3,520 signatures (about 28% of the registered voters) in only 10 days. The petition requested the "right to vote" on an amendment on a solid waste ordi-

nance preventing a garbage incinerator or landfill in the county, an unspoiled area, void of strip malls and big box retailers. Our "Erin Brokovich" shared that if a probate judge validates approx. 2,520 signatures there will be a referendum. We wish them good luck and will stay tuned for the verdict. In addition to managing 3 jobs, preparing eldest son for Mercer U. where he'll play tennis and hopefully "study a bit"; Ruth is also busy with son Magill (12) and supports husband Jack's busy coaching career at the U. of GA women's swim team.

"No earth shattering news to share," but we're glad she wrote. **Rosemary Hardy** continues her noble work as a behavior specialist within several elem. schools of the Shawnee Mission School District. Fortunately Rosemary discovered a new outlet to help channel work-related stress, she has been volunteering for several months at a no-kill animal shelter and "absolutely loves it." Rosemary wrote that each dog at the shelter is a sweetheart and has something unique to offer their potential family. When not working or volunteering she stays in contact with Rebecca Coggin Hubert ('83) who will visit Rosemary in Kansas City this spring. A refreshing optimist, she writes that life is good, no complaints.

SBC class of 2014 will include the smart, talented and lovely Mary Whitney Earnhart, daughter of **Marie Engel-Earnhart**. Congratulations to Mary Whitney who received a scholarship to attend SBC.

Danielle Bielenstein visited SBC after 30 yrs. As part of a panel on math and science in government, she noted that the turnout was large, a good session. While looking out at the attendees, toting their electronic accoutrements, (laptops, iPods, cell phones), she dryly informed the audience that when she was at SBC, the greatest thing was to have a phone in our rooms! That got a laugh, though the students were shocked our class was so electronically deprived. The following morning, some students came to her table in the cafeteria with more questions; Danielle was delighted. While on campus, she met with two professors, Brent Shea and Bob Chase. They had a wonderful catch-up, as it was great to be back on campus, albeit almost 30 yrs. later! Her godsons, Hugh and Christopher (Ande Tenant's twin boys), will be turning 9 soon! Nation Institute of Health (NIH) continues to be busy, with normal business as well as yr. 2 now of the stimulus money they received.

Fellow graduate school alum, **Carrie Montague Stanny** sent her news from Pittsburgh, PA, where she and husband Tim, also a T. Bird alum, live. After graduate school and having son Patrick, Carrie attended U. of

Pittsburgh where she earned another master's degree, this one in library and information science. Carrie is the reference librarian in Whitehall (a suburb of Pittsburgh). She enjoys managing the reference dept. in a small library, where she works on everything from 3rd grade school projects, to finding a Swiss bank with Parisian offices, and then sending a recipe over the phone to a patron. Still with the trademark global mystique and ready to assist others, Carrie also manages a resettlement project for refugees; Sudanese, Bhutanese and Somali patrons. She also assists in providing job skills to unemployed patrons and helped an 85-yr.-old man refresh his skills. The gentleman succeeded in obtaining a job, which Carrie states, indicates something about the U.S. economy. Husband Tim is retired after 15 yrs. with Bombardier and completed putting their 1928 house "back together." What originally started as just "freshening things up" turned into a major rehab with everything replaced except the family dog. Son Pat, a junior, is in the college search process. Like his parents, he's thinking about a career in international business and has the travel bug. The family traveled to Russia and will go to Turkey this summer. In the meantime, they've been shoveling a lot of snow and looking forward to the spring!

Deborah Price Bowman looks forward to returning to SBC this May to see niece Lauren Miller graduate. The Bowman family had a great summer vacation in Basin Harbor in VT after picking daughter Katie (13) up from camp in ME. She'll head there one last time in Aug. and the family hopes to take another glorious wk. in New England. Deborah writes that Katie enjoys music, tennis, soccer and softball, while son Kessler (8) is interested in Star Wars, Legos and baseball. Deborah is an avid tennis player, on the courts at least 5 days a wk. Sadly, late last year her father who was battling kidney cancer, passed away right before Thanksgiving. Our sincere condolences to Deborah and the family.

Hard to believe that "nothing is going on in San Antonio, TX" according to **Leslie Hertz Firestone**. The house they built in '05 is on the market; once it sells they'll downsize and move to their "forever" retirement house either back home in Cleveland, OH, or back in Las Vegas, NV (where we moved from in '05). Husband Bob and she are still weighing between friends or weather in deciding their next move. In the meantime, she's glad that Facebook, making it so easy to keep in touch with/find old friends from SBC and W&L. She claims she spends way too much time chatting on the social medium. Their 2 grandchildren, Samuel (6) and Olivia (3), still live in Vienna, Austria, making it difficult to spoil them long distance.

Lee Watson Lombardy writes from Orlando, FL, where husband Warren was named director of campus services for Darden Restaurants. He's responsible for the new headquarters of the Fortune 500 company (Olive Garden, Red Lobster, etc.), located in Orlando. The campus opened in late Aug./early Sept., they hope that once some of the kinks are worked out of the building's newness, the family will see more of him. Competitive Irish dancer extraordinaire, Georgia, (13) enjoys 7th grade at the Christ School and took a brief break from her dancing career due to knee problems. Trips to the orthopedist and physical therapist helped in the healing process and Georgia is progressing well. At 5'7", she is taller than Lee and has several more inches to go! An assistant city attorney with the City of Orlando, Lee encourages any classmates visiting the area to give her a call, and if she gets any information on the soft launch of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios, she'll surely pass it along!

Lucie Stephens Holland continues to enjoy working part time in press relations and marketing at The Potomack Co. auction gallery in Alexandria. She works with 3 SBC graduates, including the owner of the company, Elizabeth Haynie Wainstein '86, Tresy Robinson Hillyer '83 and Martha Loftin '07. Lucie is happy to help any classmates whose parents are downsizing to apts. or assisted living and is also busy with her 14-yr.-old son and husband who is a White House correspondent for Reuters.

Monika Kaiser-Neheim and family are all doing well. After spending elementary and middle schools at a small private school, son Julius started h. s. in Aug. Excelling in math and science, he's also active in drama club. Daughter Alexa, a sophomore at The Frost School of Music at U. of Miami, will perform in the musical "RENT" this spring. Portraying a German princess (Annemie von Neuhausen), she's one of very few paid performers at the local Renaissance Festival. Husband Richard is with Pepsi working "unbelievable hours" and traveling quite a bit. In his spare time, he participates in charity races and is also on the committee for 4H (Helping, Hand, Head, and Heart) a charity to help the poor and disadvantaged in the Dominican Republic and in south FL. Monika is a volunteer at Julius' school tutoring German language students and the drama department. She designs posters for plays, manages and organizes meetings for fellow drama parents. This spring she'll chaperone the actors to the State's Thespian Festival, which is always fun and extremely tiring. In Jun. they'll travel to Europe to Richard's parents in France and her family in Germany. Dreading the actual

travel, according to Monika, taking a plane to travel used to be the highlight of her vacations, however now with all the restrictions, rules and regulations, traveling is a nightmare. She fondly remembers flying from Paris to NY in 1990 and having 3 seats to herself. As always, Monika asks that if anyone is in the area, please look her up.

Life has been busy for **Lele Frenzel Casalini**, her father hasn't been well for several mos., so she spends much of her time with him. A tough and emotional journey, but one she found rewarding. Lele continues to be busy with her business teaching Pilates, Yoga and cycling. She enjoys working with clients and seeing the difference it can make in one's life. She continues with her own physical therapy 3 days a wk. for the past 4 yrs., continuing to gain strength back from her knee injury when she was 15 in kickball accident and a cinderblock wall, (reminding us that gym walls are now padded). In addition to a fractured spine when she was 35 and fell off her horse, a cervical compression fracture at age 41 (skiing) and finally a broken pelvis at 45, (pulling too many G's skiing Aspen Mt). A sport survivor, she feels "great" now and has kept body, mind and spirit, together despite 2 children in coll. and 1 in h. s. When not busy with family, Lele spends her time walking her dogs (7, count them) and "thanks God" for her working farm, 6 horses, and passion for photography. Son Eli (22), is a senior at Indiana U., starting out as a chemistry major, he switched to biology and studied at Saint Andrew's U. in Scotland his junior yr. Lele thinks Eli majored in golf, as she never heard him speak about his classes, only golf as he made the 2nd tier golf team. He plans to go to med school after taking next year off to do mission work and an internship. Daughter Liza (21) is a junior at a community coll. in Indianapolis studying to be a marriage and family therapist while in a serious relationship with "a darling boy" according to her mother. Daughter Sophie (18) is a senior at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, pondering on where to attend coll. next yr., SBC happens to be one of her choices, her 1st choice is Miami U. of OH, they'll visit both schools before she makes her decision. Sophie and Lele traveled to Africa 2 yrs. ago on a 3-wk. mission trip, since then her mission has been to save the children of the world. She hopes to study global health or work in the health field so she can travel and work with an organization such as Doctors without Borders. Lele and the children enjoy going to FL to visit her mom, SBC '57, in the winter. During the Christmas holiday she comes to IN, where they all pile in cars, head "up north" to northern MI for fun in the snow, hot toddies by the fire, and a New Year's celebration with

friends. Grams, as she affectionately is known to all, also opens her house during the summer mos. for the children to have fun on the lake with lots of water skiing, wake boarding, or anything else behind a boat. Her only rule; "to turn the outside lights off when you come home at night!" Lele also had fun with **Jean**. (Jean the Dancing Machine) **Von Shrader Bryan** this past year as they have visited one another. Daughter Sophie had much fun with dear "Aunt Jean", and her family. Jean and Lele are planning a mini reunion this summer, possibly Memorial Day, or a weekend in Jun. for classmates to come to IN for a long weekend to celebrate our 50th Birthdays. There are plenty of rooms on the farm for all, arriving on Thurs. and leaving on Sun. **Lisa Blake** is even planning on coming. The 2 keep in touch, unfortunately when Lele is in Aspen, Lisa is not. She sends her love to all of her SBC buddies, we wish Lele's father all the best.

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First, I apologize for my email problems in Mar. I hope to have all this sorted out by the next go round. If anyone wrote in and didn't make this issue it's because I didn't get the email—I sincerely apologize. 2010 started out pretty rough. My mother went through some tough health issues, but made a remarkable recovery and is healthier than she's been in almost a yr. Sadly, our little bar didn't make it and closed 2/28/10. There were too many factors against us: the bad economy (which was especially hard on our blue collar regulars), a bad partner (who we finally got rid of in 2/09), a liquor licensing glitch that took mos. to recover from, and lastly NC went "smoke free" as of 1/1/10. Yes, a state famous for Tobacco Rd., with cities named Winston, Salem, Raleigh, Newport and even Marlboro went smoke free—go figure. Not even our little bar (which didn't serve food) was exempt. Oh well, it's mostly just sad not to see our friends all together in one place. Enough sad, now onto HAPPY... for my birthday present this year my husband Chris and I are going to Lincoln, NE, in Sept. for UNL's Homecoming Weekend. Finally Chris will get to experience the whole Cornhusker tradition and see the team play in Memorial Stadium with its Sea of Red. Considering I converted him from being a Notre Dame fan almost 10 yrs. ago, this is a big deal! We're planning on traveling to SBC in Apr. to meet up with Deirdre Platt's family

and attend her daughter's senior thesis play. Since Deirdre lives so far away in South America SBC reunions aren't a realistic possibility so I hope we had our own mini-reunion in Apr. I'm listening to my CD *Rock of the 80's (V.3)* to set the mood as I work on our notes so I'll end with... "and the silicon chip inside her head gets switched to overload, and nobody's gonna go to school today, she's gonna make them stay at home"... aaah the poetic tones of Bob Geldof (hey, I could've quoted 99 Luftballons)! Away we go...

Alice Cutting Laimbeer says that her big news is that her daughter Margot was accepted early decision and is headed to Elon where her big brother Parker already attends. SBC was Margot's second choice, but it lacked a football team! (Are you sure it wasn't boys that SBC was lacking?) Last spring Alice and family took a week long cruise in the Caribbean, which Alice said "is saving this art teacher's sanity!"

Ann Sterling Hart wrote that horseshow season was in full swing and she was working very hard and long hours! Both her daughters are in college now, Steph is about to graduate and Ali is just beginning. Ann's other children (her horses) are doing well this yr. health wise and showing. Ann wanted to write more, but had to get back to her extensive duties as show secretary.

Deirdre Platt and husband brought their 3 youngest children to the U.S. to see their older sister, Tanya's, play at SBC in Apr. Tanya's play is about the life and death of an Ecuadorian female poet and Deirdre wrote that it was going to be very elaborate. She was also hoping that her brother, now living in upstate NY, would be able to join them at SBC. He had traveled to Ecuador earlier this yr. where they enjoyed going to the beaches, the forest and horseback riding to see howler monkeys! Deirdre and her husband have been working on the mountain called Cerro Jaboncillo, which is rich in archaeology and is covered in fine forest. She's doing research and setting up a tourist trail. Deirdre writes that it is crucial to develop low impact tourism so as not to disrupt the archaeological ruins, the spectacular vegetation, the views, the waterfall and most important to save this mountain from the quarrying, which is already causing destruction on all sides. She says that the only trouble with this job, apart from the danger of being seen as an enemy by the quarry workers, is that they have to commute by bus 3 hrs. from the little town on Montecristi (the center of Panama hat production) where the family is now living.

Kathy Barrett Baker is having so much fun on Facebook keeping up with our classmates! She says it's great looking at the classmates' offspring,

their prom photos and videos. Kathy specifically mentioned **Laura Mixon Rodriguez**'s blog "Mixonian." Kathy has been busy serving Writs and Detainers for Jim's rental businesses. She continues to work on her manner blog: www.betteretiquette.blogspot.com, and is saving up particularly good blog posts for a future book. She was also doing some event planning for FIRST Robotics. Kathy and Jim welcomed their 4th grandchild last spring! Kathy says that our class' physical scrapbook is growing, but she still needs more photos: old, new, weddings, children, Christmas Card photos, etc. Please send photos to Kathy at sabotschool@hughes.net. Photos will be used in the scrapbook and/or may be posted on FB at SBC Class of 1983. Everyone should check it out and Kathy thinks if you aren't already on FB you should join up!

Kim Howell Franklin said that she was probably the 1 person in D.C. that *loved* all the winter weather this past yr.! The 3 blizzards were spectacular and allowed Kim and her family to experience the monuments via cross country skis! For spring break her family went to Zion National Park. Kim's daughter, Isabelle, got her braces off this yr. and looks very mature. By the time this magazine comes out Kim is hoping that the long time coming kitchen renovation will be completed. Kim wrote that's what she gets for marrying an architect that insists on doing everything himself. . . i.e. the shoemaker and the kids with no shoes!

Lee Ann MacKenzie Chaskes wrote that this yr. has been an exciting time in the life of her family. Their eldest son, Will, graduates from West Point in the spring and will begin living his army life in Fort Hood, TX. 2nd son, Robert, loved his 1st yr. at Hampden-Sydney. Lee Anne's 9-year-old, Adam, leads a busy life as a 3rd grader. Adam's passions are kickball, basketball and football! Lee Ann still volunteers with Adam's school and scouting. (She says she does the scouting only to wear the sexy uniform.) She still loves her job as an Area Development Manager with the NY fashion company ETCETERA. Rob and Lee Ann will be celebrating their 25th anniv. this Nov. She can't believe that he has put up with her for that many yrs. We can believe it Lee Ann, you're fabulous!

Leslie Malone Berger is in her 6th yr. working for Roanoke County Public Schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist. She says her elem. school is wonderful with a gorgeous view of the mountains as a bonus! She also works with a few students at the middle and high school level. A couple summers ago Leslie and her friend Diane, a fellow SLP, started a summer camp for students with Asperger's Syndrome (as well as

other students with weak pragmatic language skills). The camp focuses on social skill and role-playing while having fun with crafts, music and animals. Both Leslie and Diane recruited their own children to participate at the camp as typical-peer models. They are all looking forward to another great summer experience. Check out the camp's website at www.campconnectVA.com, I did and it's amazing! When Leslie wrote they were waiting to hear where their son Alex (18) will be landing for college. They had a great celebration for his Eagle Scout award and loved seeing family and friends. Kiernan (16) is also working towards his Eagle, playing lacrosse and learning how to drive. Emilie (13) keeps all of them busy with her dance and music. Earlier this spring Emile got to sing with the Roanoke College Children's Choir at NY's Carnegie Hall.

Mandy Beauchemin Frohn got a promotion to CFO of her cardiology group (that's why she had to work on the Sun. she emailed me). Mandy wrote better yet she has turned into a NASA space "geek." She's making it a point to see Atlantis, Endeavor and Discovery all launch before they retire the shuttle program. One of the benefits of living in FL is that she is able to see the launches from her front yard! Mandy's even been traveling to Titusville to get the "up close" experience which she says is truly awesome. Mandy wrote that as a biology major at SBC, the science experiments being done up on the international space station have intrigued her, so she's made it her latest hobby to follow the last few missions to the space station. Good luck Mandy!

Mary Brown Watt Messer can't fathom where the time has gone. She writes that it seems like only yesterday she was putting her oldest on the bus to kindergarten and now he's making a college decision! Mary vividly remembers arriving at SBC in the fall of '79. She's back to work after 15 yrs. of being a stay-at-home mom. She's working part-time at BB&T Bank, and loving it! Now Mary has to start saving for college tuition!

Mary Pope Hutson wrote in to share a great story. She continues to travel a lot for the Land Trust Alliance and earlier this spring she was on her way to a North American Wetlands Council Meeting in Louisiana and as she was walking through the Houston airport Mary Pope saw a lovely lady in a Lilly dress and remarked out loud to her traveling colleagues "What an adorable lady." The next thing she heard was her name being called. Sure enough it was Jane Dure '82, with her mother headed to Mexico on Jane's birthday. When she went to speak to Mrs. Dure, Mrs. Dure said "I just love you Sweet Briar girls!" Mary Pope wrote that this is her

highlight this year!

Mason Bennett Rummel and Rick are working and traveling a lot. In just 3 mos. she was off to D.C., Denver, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Colorado Springs, Kansas City, San Juan and Napa Valley, wow! Mason is about 1/3 of the way through her master's degree. This spring her son Bennett (the oldest) was accepted into graduate school as well. Now the race is on, but Bennett will probably get his 1st since he can attend full time. Mason's family has 2 graduations this spring within about 15 hrs. of each other and 300 mi. apart: Emma from high school and Bennett from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. Annie is 1/2 way through Business School at the U. of Louisville. So with these graduations Mason and Rick are just mos. away from being empty nesters. Of course they'll miss the kids, but she's actually looking forward to her and Rick having some fun! Mason saw **Mary Ware Gibson** and **Lea Sparks Bennett** in Roanoke and commented how nice it is to pick up where you left off 25+ yrs. ago. The bottom line is things are great with Mason, but she needed to take a nap.

Melissa Byrne Partington wrote me the nicest email thanking me for the job I've been doing with the notes. You're very kind Melissa, but I say hats off to you for carrying the torch for so many many years! Both Melissa and I send a shout-out to **Cathy "Cate" McNider** where are you? Your old friends would love to hear from you!

Miriam Baker Morris and husband Clay will be celebrating their 25th anniv. this summer! They celebrated it early by taking a trip in the spring. This past New Year's weekend Miriam hosted **Virginia Claus Buyck** and family, and Elizabeth Cahill Sharman '84 and family at their lake house. SC was playing in the Papa John's Bowl in Birmingham. Miriam also hopes everyone is doing well!!

Ruth Lewin and the firm she works for, Summerfield's Interior Design had a special visitor, Bunny Williams, a loved NY interior designer. She was there to do a book signing and Ruth wrote that they sold over 100 books in 2 hrs! Bunny also did a lecture at a Port Royal Club luncheon; this is the initial event of the Naples Art and Antique Show. All proceeds collected from the event and the book signing went to Collier County charities. This is a highlight for not only the firm, but for Ruth! Ruth wrote that there has been an influx of tourism in FL over the winter mos. This is good news for FL. Husband Marc is still playing piano gigs. Ruth writes that he's lucky because it's pretty cut throat out there in the music biz. They don't have any set plans for the summer, but will probably at least get to the east coast and see old friends.

Wendy Chapin Albert finds it

hard to believe her oldest, Annie (18) is graduating from high school. They had already heard from 4 colleges and were waiting on 2 more. Eleanor (14) is psyched to be entering the upper school next yr. Husband Tolly is still a stockbroker with the firm Chapin Davis. The firm that Wendy's father started 52 yrs ago. And even though he passed away in 2001 Wendy loves that Tolly is there and writes that she can still feel her father's spirit when she's at the office. Obviously, the family are animal people—they have race horses, 2 ponies, 3 mares (who were due to foal in the spring), a standard poodle and a large cat! Wendy adores living in her childhood home! She's a Realtor with O'Connor and Mooney. She still loves gardening and is looking forward to planting a fabulous vegetable garden in May. For spring break they spent a wk. at a very special place, Rancho de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, AZ. Wendy writes "Hey, Sarah, Meg, and Blair would you believe this year is my 25th anniv.!" If anyone is passing through Baltimore give Wendy a call so you can get together!

Wylie Jameson Small's children's book *The Great Prune Caper* finally became available for purchase earlier this year on Amazon. The book is targeted to those who enjoy the "Captain Underpants" genre (mainly 2nd–4th graders). Wylie started working on the sequel tentatively entitled *There's Something Strange about the New Kid* (hint: he's a vampire). She got her 1st royalty check in Mar., which was enough for 2 mochos at Starbucks, yahoo! Wylie writes "aside from setting the literary world aflame" she's gearing up for golf season, planning a family reunion trip to VT in Aug. and teaching Rudy (16) how to drive. Sorry Chris and I didn't make the Lilac Festival in Rochester this year, maybe next? Hi to Stuart.

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Peg Twohy DeVan writes that all is well out west in beautiful Aspen, CO. Peg still works for the Aspen Ski Co. in winter, running Powder Pandas at Buttermilk. In the summer, she is playing USTA tennis for the Snowmass Club ladies and mixed doubles. Also, going to horseshows every weekend with her daughter Carolyn (14) and husband Bob throughout the warm mos. in CO. They'll be back in VA showing this summer for 2 1/2 mos. with their ponies and Carolyn's new horse Crown Royal. Come visit anytime!

Louise Jones Geddes's children

are approaching college age! Watching the hurdles they're jumping through makes her glad that she's not trying to get into coll. now! Was sorry to miss Reunion, but happy to hear the reports of fun. Hopefully will make it next time!

Elizabeth Rogers Boyd writes that Tommy is now a senior and trying to decide where he wants to go to coll. He wants to play football and has received acceptances from several of the MN Division Three colleges. He's being recruited by one of the last all men's universities in the U.S., Saint Johns U. in Collegeville, MN, so he's *kind of* following in Liz's footsteps. No Boyd Boy will be going to SBC! Tommy plays football, baseball and basketball. Louie is a sophomore and just finished hockey season. Only 2 broken bones this year, not bad! He also plays football and is going to give the shot-put and discus a try this spring. Tom is in his 20th yr. of private practice and enjoys what he does. Liz is now dir. of individual and planned giving for The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library (a real mouthful!) ... from a lawyer to a fundraiser. Some day Liz wants to do something so people will be happy to see her coming rather than want to run away!

Sharon Ingham Brown writes that her family is divided between Tampa and LA, as her husband and son Davis (15) are temporarily living in LA to pursue Davis' acting career. It's been wild, but Caroline (12) and Sharon love spending quality time together! She's working on a fiction book based on the story of her husband's injury. We wish her luck!

Ann Alleva Taylor says that Carter and the girls (Cabot 8, Caroline 6, and Charlotte 5) keep her busy. Soccer, ballet, gymnastics, you know the drill. They continue to juggle living in Atlanta and Vero Beach. One day they'll have to decide where to stay for at least 9 mos. of the yr. It was fun to hear about everyone during the reunion planning. Ann wishes she had been able to join! She's been excited to re-connect with friends from other classes. Facebook is amazing!

Kathryn Marion is lovin' life in gorgeous CO! Kids, biz, and travel keep her busy. Her beautiful Chinese daughters are now 14, 12, 10, and 10. They're growing up fast; they can practically manage the entire household themselves! Kathryn's book, *GRADS: TAKE CHARGE of Your First Year After College!* was released last fall, and earned Finalist Honors in 2 categories of the National Best Books 2009 Awards. Hubby, Mark, and Kathryn celebrate their 20th anniv. this yr. with 3 wks. on their 2 favorite Hawaiian islands. The girls and she are looking forward to several wks. in their big new motor home—this year's road trip

theme is American history, including several presidential museums as well as Colonial Williamsburg, Mt. Vernon, etc. (and a stop at the alma mater, of course!)

Beth Bossong Russell can't believe it's been almost 28 yrs.! Beth transferred after her sophomore yr. to UNC-CH. She graduated from there, married a fellow econ student (Ward Russell) who was also her brother's roommate and they now have 3 children (ages 19, 17, 14) and live in Asheboro, NC. Beth is a homemaker, but active in the community—loves to cook, travel, and take care of their old home. The kids are at NC State and Greensboro Day School and her husband works from Greensboro. Beth has joined Facebook and looks forward to using it to reconnect!

Margy Kramer Kircher lives in Massapequa, NY, with her husband of 24 yrs., Steve, and their 2 kids, Sable (12) and Cullen (10). She's with the same Wall Street firm for almost her entire career, presently as a Senior Vice President and Principal of Wellington Shields & Co. She does the working mother juggle between her office and volleyball and baseball games. Margy keeps herself sane by running almost every morning, skiing in winter, and spending summers at a beach club on the southern coast of Long Island. The pace can be frantic, but it's all good; she's aware of how blessed she is.

Virginia Spigener Teel's children, Annie Starr and Virginia Frances are 15 and 10, respectively, and love all that life offers. Her retail business, The Wrinkled Egg, celebrates 20 yrs. this summer.

Helen Pruitt Butler doesn't have much to report since reunion last May. Spring is in the air here and the weather is delightful. Real Estate is trying to pick up a little bit. Her daughter, Frances is finishing up her jr. yr. and getting ready to start the coll. search.

Mary Earle McElroy Wright is busy with 5 teenagers. She has 2 boys, and her husband Bill has 3 girls! She's a distributor with Monavie, an antioxidant juice company and loves what she does!

Nancy O'Brien Albus continues her work treating eating disorders and is currently running a residential treatment program in St. Louis that treats anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder. They're in the process of expanding and in the next 6 mos. will have 2 sites in St. Louis and one in CA. Tom is still working hard and they've adjusted well to their kids being gone. Jenny graduates in May from Notre Dame and will be going to medical school next yr. She's in the process of deciding, but more than likely will be back in St. Louis at St. Louis U. Chelsea is a sophomore

at Wake Forest, loves life. Apart from her mom being sick, Nancy says things are really good.

Shannon Young Ray says 2010 promises to be a yr. of changes for her and husband, Breck. Their senior at St. Louis U, Breck Jr., will graduate in May with a degree in finance and has a job in St. Louis as well! Their senior in h. s., Peter, will also graduate in May and is anxiously waiting to see where he'll land for coll. Their triplets are freshmen in h. s. and have completed driver's ed. They're now being chauffeured on a daily basis. Shannon continues to work for her family's oil and gas co., and has stayed active on several local boards. Breck and Shannon look forward to a busy summer of getting everyone settled in apts., jobs, and coll., with some family travel planned as well. Best to all and call her if you visit Fort Worth!

Elizabeth Sprague Brandt and husband and are empty nesters and have determined that it's not so bad (probably because their daughter, Betsy, is thriving as a freshman at Vanderbilt). They've enjoyed a lovely weekend in Nashville catching up with **Elizabeth Harley Willett** and **Marian Wahlgren** in Feb. and are looking forward to an action-packed summer when their daughter returns from school and joins them on a trip to Spain. She's loved reconnecting with SBC friends on Facebook.

Ginger Reynolds Davis writes that Carter will graduate h. s. and will attend Presbyterian Coll. this fall.

Erika Dorr Marshall has been enjoying another season of foxhunting with Lowcountry Hunt where Nina Sledge Burke '64 hosted the opening meet. Erika usually sees Elizabeth Sher '85 fika. Wiley is in her freshman year at Coll. of Charleston and **Helen Butler** is assisting in finding an apt. Foster is a jr. and Elise is in 8th grade/home schooled. Foster and Elise hunt with Erika and Elise has joined Storybook Farm's IEA middle school team. She qualified to go to Zones! Bobby enjoys his job at the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Holly Pflug Allport thanks all who were able to make it to our 25th and remembers what a wonderful time we had. She encourages everyone to plan on coming to our 30th—the more the merrier. All is good in Winter Park, FL. Peter is 15, Sarah is 14, Kate is 12 and Julia is 9. In 2006, Pete and several others left Wachovia to start FL Capital Bank. They're so grateful the bank continues to do well and grow. Fall of 2009 brought them Kinsley, her friend's infant whom Holly takes care of while her mom is at work. Unfortunately for her ego, people assume she's her grandmother. Kinsley has been such a lovely

blessing and addition to the Allport household. Miss Holly's Swim School opens again March 15, and she can't wait to get back in the water with the little ones and make them safe. Warm wishes to all.

Kirsten Vold Larsen writes that after 20+ yrs. in the Chicago area she'll be relocating with her family to Darien, CT, at the end of Mar. for her husband's job in NYC. Kirsten has her own design and drapery workroom on the North Shore and hopes to set up shop when they get settled in CT. They're excited about the move! Kirsten has 2 children: Lars (11) and Eleanor (13). Both kids play travel hockey. Although they'll miss the Chicago Blackhawks they're looking forward to attending some Rangers games before the season ends.

Lee Hubbard aka Sr. Mary Leanne, SND is coming to the end of her 2nd yr. as director of pastoral formation and field education at St. John's Seminary outside of Los Angeles preparing Roman Catholic priests and lay ecclesial ministers for ministry in the most diverse diocese in the country. She loves teaching on the graduate level, and is pursuing the Doctor of Ministry degree as she's working. It's satisfying work where she can really make a difference as a woman in the Catholic Church. A long way from her days as the Chair of the Church and Chapel Committee with Chaplain Mike Bloy, but it was a start.

As for myself, **Debbie Jones**, I had the opportunity and joy to present at SBC's 1st annual CIELA conference in early Mar., talking about entrepreneurship in business. CIELA is the Conference on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and the Liberal Arts. I shared my experience as co-founder in my sister's company, Square One Organic Spirits, LLC. There were many great speakers, and I found the students engaged and a fantastic business faculty as well! Business is now a major at SBC! The campus wasn't the same as the great fun we had at our 25th, but it was great to be back again so soon. I continue with my day job as well, in the mortgage industry, which is nothing short of a challenge with the residual effects of the economy, but I'm grateful for the employment while also fortunate to see the vodka business surviving as well. I appreciate everyone's support in that venture and have a blast staying connected on Facebook.

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Mary Jo Biscardi Brown and **Lynn Mather Charette** are planning on seeing everyone for our 25th reunion next spring 2011! *Mark your calendars!* We had a great time and a great crowd at our 20th. Don't miss our next one!

Lynn Mather Charette and husband John still live in CT with their 3 children, Ben (16), Tucker (14), and Elizabeth (11). They spend lots of time going to sporting events, on their boat and at the beach with family. Lynn hopes to see you all in 2011!

On June 30, 2010, **Jennifer Crossland** will end her tenure as president of the Alumnae Association, though she will serve 1 more yr. on the board. She has thoroughly enjoyed all of her service to Sweet Briar, having been on the board since '98. She considers herself privileged and lucky to have served with so many of our classmates that the board in general got sick of hearing about the class of '86! "Our class always has been such an involved class, no matter what the task, as long as the task has served Sweet Briar College; for that I thank you," she said. Jennifer adds, "for those of you who still desire to contribute your time, talents or your financial support to SBC, please do. There are many opportunities. I can't wait to see you all at our 25th (can you believe it!) reunion next spring!"

Elizabeth Eisinger Mackes graduated from St. Louis U. School of Law in '91. She moved back to MD and married Joe Mackes in '94 and subsequently had 3 children, James, Stephen and Claire. For the last 7 yrs. she has taught pre-K and is working on her practicum for the Orton Gillingham Academy (teaching dyslexics to read).

Rushton Haskell Callaghan ran 2 marathons (12/09) and (3/10) and qualified for Boston Marathon 2011! Rushton's children, Hampton (12) and Farley (10), keep her busy with their sports; Rushton volunteers at their school as well as serves on The Jax Zoo Board, Girls on the Run Board, and Episcopal H. S. Alumni Board. She's looking forward to Reunion 2011.

For the past 4 yrs., **Leigh Ann White** has been living in Boston with her 2 crazy kitties and the love of her life, Brian. She works at a consulting firm conducting health economic studies for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. Happily, she has reconnected with her fellow alumnae online and hopes to see many of them soon!

Mary Beth Miller Orson is still living in Scottsdale, AZ, with husband Carl and children, Caroline (11) and Eric (7). She spends her time juggling family, work and children's activities. Mary Beth also organizes the occasional SBC Phoenix Alumnae Club event!

Harriet McNair Alexander and her family have been living in Houston for over 8 yrs. now and simply can't believe they like it so much. One very bright spot for Harriet is seeing the marvelous **Bella Viguere Gsell** every once in awhile. Harriet's 3 daughters keep her and her husband very happy and busy and insane (2 are teenagers). Harriet hopes she survives to see this in print!

Lisa Leigh Ringler Bennett and Bob spent 3 amazing wks. in Costa Rica in Feb. She and Bob are getting ready for things to start up on the farm. Lisa is working in PR for the grower's industry. Daughter Sydney (14) may not know it yet, but they plan to put her to work this summer!

Louanne Woody continues to sell homes on the Outer Banks of NC, though is not as busy as she was a few yrs. ago. She has returned to utilizing her degree in mathematics by tutoring h. s. math students. She enjoys the one-on-one interaction both with real estate clients and students. Louanne's flexible schedule allows her time to work on projects with fellow church members at Mighty Wind UMC, including health kits for Haiti, doing local food pantry collections, and working on a new project called "Jesus Loves You Cradles." Additionally, Louanne attended the John C. Campbell folk school to take a course in creative writing and is looking forward to visiting friends this spring in NM.

Catherine McNease Stevens lives in southern VA with husband Nelson and son Henry (10). She works as a research & data specialist for the Southern VA Higher Education Center in South Boston and teaches hunt seat lessons in the afternoons. Henry is foxhunting with his parents now, which delights them to no end! Catherine is enjoying catching up with SBC classmates and friends on Facebook.

Karen Fennesy-Ketola and Barry continue to live in Freeland, MI and are doing very well. Karen has just hit her 22-year mark with Dow Chemical Company. Barry is in the Solar Systems Group at Dow Corning. Karen reports that Mid-Michigan is becoming a beacon for Alternative Energy and Technologies. Daughter Morgan (12) is a competitive gymnast, is in Poms, and loves math and science. Karen and Barry are having a lot of fun traveling to her competitive meets in places such as Chicago, Orlando, Columbus, etc. The Ketola family traveled to Spain for spring break this year; Karen's first time

back to Seville since her Sweet Briar Junior Year Abroad so many years ago.

In Jan., **Laura Hand Glover** visited daughter Amber (SBC '03) and her husband, who have settled back in Houston and are happy to be "home." Laura reports that Amber is scheduled to be in South Africa this summer as a fellow at a research institute studying great white shark behavior, her passion. Understandably, Laura is so proud of her, just as she is of son Patrick, who is steeped in music with his sax: marching, concert and jazz bands in addition to the church ensemble. Patrick is also in JROTC and is in both rifle and drill teams. Laura continues to work at SBC and counts her blessings daily that she can enjoy time on the campus every day among such fascinating and promising young women and an amazing faculty and staff. Every semester she wishes she could take half of the courses offered! She's greatly looking forward to working with our class for our 25th Reunion and invites anyone venturing back to the Briar in the meantime to contact her as she would love to see you and reconnect.

Susan Swagler Cowles and husband Robby celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary. Daughter Elli (17) is a junior and is starting to "shop" colleges; son Jake (14) is starting h. s. next yr. Susan works at The U. of AL in Tuscaloosa managing the Career Center for the Coll. of Commerce and loves working with students! Time flies, but Susan relays that it's been great reconnecting with SBC friends on Facebook!

Suzanne Craft Bailey and husband Drew have been married 19 yrs. and live in Birmingham, AL. After 23 yrs. in corporate banking, Drew opened his own company, ECA Risk Management, working with small to mid-size banks developing their environmental policies. Son Chris (15) continues to inspire everyone as he learns to live with Type 1 Diabetes. In fall, he was featured on The Rick and Bubba Show, and raised over \$3,500 for JDRF in the Walk to Cure. Two recent opportunities Chris had to raise awareness about juvenile diabetes included his being featured on Matters of Faith on ABC 3340 in AL and having co-written a song titled "A Crooked Road" with Dove Award winner, Nashville singer songwriter, Steve Siler. Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/1/20600/www.musicforthesoul.org>. Currently we're raising funds to produce a full recording of the song, and eventually turn it into a project and full length CD. (Steve records the symphony music in Prague). If anyone would like to donate towards the project, they can contact me at nascarfunb@windstream.net. Chris was also cast as the lead character Frederick in his h. s.'s production of "The Sound of Music" this

year. Suzanne's daughter Elizabeth (10) is an avid horseback rider; she's jumping and looking forward to her 1st show. She participated in Holiday Show Offs and Summer Show Offs in Birmingham and Entertainment Night. She had solos in each of these song and dance stage productions. Suzanne continues to work with JDRF and all efforts on Juvenile Diabetes research to find a cure. She is also writing a Christian Fantasy Trilogy, working with a fantastic editor in the industry. Her goal is to finish her current manuscript for editing by this summer. In addition, Suzanne has been asked by Christy Award winning author Shelly Beach to be a member of her prayer team, which is an honor and a privilege, and has also been asked to be a core leader for Community Bible Study in Birmingham.

Sue Finn Adams is "living the dream" in Williamsburg, VA! With her kids now in elem., middle and h. s., life is full. Daughter Elizabeth (16) is starting to think about the future that is all-too-soon approaching. Sons Ben (13) and Thomas (11) aren't too far behind—time is flying by. Sue continues to work from home for a book publisher in new project development. She enjoys the flexibility and being available to her children when they get home from school as well as taking time off when she feels like it. Sue loves keeping up with so many Vixens on Facebook. It's amazing to hear what everyone is up to on a regular basis—a little bit like living in the dorm again!

I thank everyone for their contributions to this and every other edition of our notes. I hope to hear from you in the future. If you aren't receiving reminder notices from me for each publication I apologize, as I must not have a current e-mail address for you. Kindly contact me at Fbmb91695@yahoo.com with your e-mail address. On behalf of all of us Class of 86'ers on Facebook, I invite you to join us. Please remember that Reunion 2011 is just around the corner. We're anticipating a great turnout and hope to see you there!

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Our class is involved in so many interesting endeavors and in such amazing

places around the world. Facebook has been a wonderful tool for reconnecting and keeping up with old friends. I was delighted to hear from my freshman and sophomore yr. roommate **Alyson Springer** who transferred to William and Mary during our jr. yr. Alyson got a master's degree in social work from the U. of GA and bought a beautiful horse farm in Martinsburg, WV (near Shepherdstown, WV, and Hagerstown, MD) called Whiting's Neck Equestrian Center. It's a full-service boarding and training facility with indoor and outdoor arenas, miles of trails along the Potomac River, and programs for all ages and levels of experience.

Susan Detweiler writes that she didn't go to Antarctica this past winter because she needed to take care of her climbing partner who was hurt in an accident initiated by a mountain goat knocking off a big rock. Instead, she took a job teaching Nordic skiing and guiding ski/snowshoe tours in Grand Teton National Park. After a spring desert rock climbing trip, she plans to guide climbers again in the Tetons this summer and will probably return to Antarctica (the science support job) again this fall. She enjoys keeping track of SBers on Facebook.

In 2009, **Jeanne Rovics Mexic** and family went on an amazing trip to Jordan, Israel, and Dubai, and they're getting ready to go on another adventure in 2010 to New Zealand and Australia. She continues to work for Hilton Worldwide's International Team and in the past few months has traveled to: Venice, Barcelona, London, Prague, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore. She notes: "I'm VERY lucky that I'm able to call this work, and I've gotten used to sitting in small seats for long distances (and am thankful I'm not 5'11"). I see **Kristen Petersen Randolph** regularly, and she makes me do at least 2 workouts a day, so it's a little like boot camp, but I keep going back and LOVE it every time. Kristen got me hooked on Hot Yoga."

Kristen Petersen Randolph writes that she keeps in touch with **Jeanne Rovics Mexic**, **Nici Fraley Pechman** and **Laura Schumacher Kasprzak**. She and husband Ran keep busy with their 3 boys and all of their activities. Ran still works with the same law firm where he worked when they 1st met; Kristen does some real estate work and a bit of personal training. On a sad note, Kristen's sister Reilly's husband, Mark was diagnosed with non-smokers lung cancer about a mo. ago after a long bout with what was thought to be pneumonia. The cancer is advanced and he's taking chemotherapy treatments. Reilly and Mark are inspiring with how they're handling this heartbreaking time. Kristen says they're hoping for the best

and appreciate everyone's prayers and good thoughts.

Paige Shiller Okun writes "we're in our 7th yr. in Singapore and still love living in southeast Asia. My work with Caring for Cambodia building schools is amazing. We support 7 schools (pre-school to h. s.) with a total of 5,400 students! I'd love to talk to anyone who is interested in getting their community or school involved in a service project overseas. (www.caringforcambodia.org). My boys are now 7 and 9, and very involved in sports—soccer, baseball, swimming and tennis. Because of the tropical weather, everything runs year-round! If anyone is in Singapore, please look me up."

Eden Brown works full-time as an independent writer-director. She finds this new job amazing. She never imagined making this career transition or that she'd enjoy it so much. She's busily working on a short film that she'll direct, a feature film and a documentary on the Korean War Veterans Memorial. She and husband Bill will celebrate their 17th anniv. in Jun.

Stacey Sickels Heckel reports that sons Kent (14) and Leland (11), are doing great and are involved in sports, arts and friends. "I pinch myself that I'm the mother to a rising middle schooler and high schooler! Every age with them gets more fun. I'm still enjoying working as the exec. dir. for the foundation for our local community coll., Anne Arundel. My synchronized figure skating team, DC EDGE, won the Eastern Championships and then went on to get the silver medal at the National Synchronized Skating Championships in Minneapolis. I recently caught up with **Kate Cole Hite** who also lives in Severna Park. She reports that her children are doing great. I had a nice visit with **Leslie Corrado Stillwagon** in her beautiful home in Chestnut Hill. Her 3 boys are precious. My sister, Susan Sickels Dyer '91, is living in Seattle and recently went to the Olympics. Her boys are into hockey and she keeps busy with their schedules and volunteering at their school."

Leslie Corrado Stillwagon and husband David moved from Australia and are now living in Chestnut Hill in PA. She says it's wonderful being back on the east coast after being away for over 20 yrs. Leslie loves being a stay-at-home mom raising her 3 boys (16-mo.-old twins and a 5-mo.-old, Holden, Porter & Ridgeway). She says it's hectic having had 3 boys in 11 mos., but so fun! Leslie has enjoyed seeing **Katie Keogh Weidner**, **Kathryn Ingham Reese** and **Stacey Sickels Heckel** and would love to hear from any SB girls in the area!

Kate Cole Hite and husband Tucker celebrated their 20th anniv. in Oct. and commemorated the occasion by running

the Marine Corps Marathon. She notes, "Yes, I did say marathon, and no, I've never done that before (nor will I ever do that again!) The day was wonderful, and the 2 of us ran it side by side. I'm so thankful to **Beth Bennett Haga** and **Katie Keogh Weidner** for their support and encouragement along the 6 mos. of training. Since they've both run marathons, they gave me a lot of good advice!"

Kate Cole Hite, **Kathryn Ingham Reese**, **Mary Halliday Shaw**, **Beth Bennett Haga**, **Paige Apple Montinaro**, and **Whitney Bolt Lewis** had a blast at their annual get-together weekend, this yr. in New Orleans. I drove down to New Orleans and had a fun visit with them. **Mary Halliday Shaw** and husband Brad have a big milestone this yr. with the graduation of their twins (Jack and Mike) who will be heading off to coll. in the northeast in the fall. Their youngest, Kevin will start h. s. in the fall.

Kelly Meredith Iacobelli has a new job as VP of marketing for BidAlert.com which is a construction leads system. It's the 1st time she's worked for a small company and says it can be exciting and challenging. She's still on the alumnae board and is looking forward to going to Reunion to see friends in classes a little older and a little younger than ours.

Tracy Tigerman Shannon says things are pretty much the same. She's still teaching 3rd grade and getting used to her son being in h. s. on the JV baseball team. She's also gearing up for her 2nd grader to come to her class next yr. for reading and math. She notes that it should be a challenge (more for her daughter than herself).

Dena Driver lives in Brooklyn, NY. She and husband Greg Morcroft (who graduated from W & L) have 2 children: Emma (14) and Liam (9). They've been married for 17 yrs. She works as a property manager, which allows her to find time to study yoga.

Brenda Childress Payne is happy to announce a new addition to her family. Her beautiful granddaughter, Zoe Rae Elizabeth Payne was born on Thurs., 9/24/09 in Orange County CA. She weighed 8 lbs. 5oz. and was 20 1/2 in. Brenda enjoyed traveling to CA to visit with the new baby and her family.

Anne Powell is still tax manager at Henry Schein in Southwest VA. She traveled to London and Salisbury, England, where she got to play on the famous Father Willis pipe organ at Salisbury Cathedral. Another highlight of the trip was taking the Eurostar to Paris for a short holiday.

Vida Fonseca writes from New Orleans that she received a promotion with the Census OOS-QA/C, which she notes "rhymes with moose back." She

writes that the promotion came at the same time that she was voted senior warden at her church. She adds, "Now if I could just find a full-time, long-term job with benefits before I reach retirement age!"

Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz and **Mary Nelson Densmore Notaro** are planning a 22.5 yr. reunion for anyone in our class who'd like to get together for a girls' weekend. It will take place the 1st weekend in 11/1010 in Jacksonville, FL, at a house that belongs to Kathryn's family that used to be a bed and breakfast. Anyone in our class who'd like to go can contact Kathryn at (786) 877-3754 or e-mail her at akkbwc@aol.com

I've been busy doing some free-lance museum projects in Baton Rouge along with working on an exhibition with the Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis. They're holding an exhibition of the work of Helen Maria Turner, the artist who was the subject of my master's thesis. One of the paintings in the exhibition is coming from the Sweet Briar collection. My son, Jack will be starting his senior yr. in the fall and my daughter, Nina will be in the 6th grade. I'm excited that they'll be at the same school this yr., even if it's just for 1 yr. I'm looking forward to coming to VA this summer for a family reunion near Charlottesville and hoping to make a side trip to Sweet Briar. Best to all!

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Ellen Ober Pitera loves life with Charlie (2) and is waiting patiently for the arrival of their 2nd baby from Korea. She hopes travel to get him/her in winter 2010.

Mimi Davies Wroten and husband Neil welcomed baby Connor in 12/09!

Beth Gilkeson King gave birth to twins, Sarah Colby and Alexander Gilkeson on 1/11/10! She plans to be home with them until early May and return to work. **Tracy Camden Wilburn** visited the babies and her, and Tracy enjoyed a lovely day together with her husband, Adam. Beth is in touch with **K.L. Polevitzky** who is deploying to Afghanistan in Apr. **Jennifer Jarvis Ballard** has been busy as a stay-at-home mom and helping in girl scouts and cub scouts. She and daughter Jessica (8) have been active in a brand new brownie troop. Jennifer says that "it's great fun to work with these future leaders. Maybe we'll get a Sweet Briar girl or 2 from these girls."

Laura Warren Underwood, husband George, and girls Christine (9), Katherine (5), and Charlotte (2) have made another trip to the Magic Kingdom! Laura reports they're pretty much experts now. Pictures are posted on their website for all to see: friend T. George Underwood on Facebook and go to the links. Laura et. al write, "We miss our friends from SBC."

Tracy Stuart has moved to Martha's Vineyard and is working part-time as a freelance writer. She loves life by the ocean surrounded by friends and her boyfriend.

Maria Bergh and her husband welcomed a 2nd daughter in 12/08 and now live in Madrid, Spain. She is well and keeps in touch with lots of Vixens.

2010 started with a bang for **Nalini Mani**. New job, but same career! After a yr.'s hiatus of not seeing the inside of a plane, she's back doing what she loves most: travelling, albeit now it's primarily during the wk. within the U.S. Nalini plans a trip to Rome during Memorial Day weekend and hopes to meet up with Amy Davis '94 if she makes it over the pond from UK. She's also planning a 2 wk. trip to Tibet in fall and is determined to make it up to First Base Camp Everest. She hopes to see Prerana Thapa '92 in Nepal on her way there. Nalini plans to celebrate the big 4-OH (shhhh!) on Dec. 31 in Rio—come one come all if you want to enjoy Caipirinha's on the Tropic of Capricorn (perfect for my sun sign!)

Julie Skilinski Brooks is walking

in the local National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Walk on 05/02/10. She's been busy hitting up friends, family, and alumnae online to donate. She has also learned to love the Wii and has danced and boxed her way to a 20+ lb weight loss! Julie reports that **Laurie Palmer** just bought an 11-yr.-old thoroughbred, and she'll be up and riding him ASAP. Laurie is excited about the purchase. Julie occasionally gets to chat with Gretchen Petrus and Nalini Mani. She likes to talk about her gelato-eating exploits on Facebook. **Sally Estes Vigezzi** learned how to fish last yr. and spent the whole summer at the lake with her kids. The family has even bought a fishing boat and is excited to spend another summer at the lake fishing! Sally is also planning a trip to VA this summer with a few days in VA Beach to see **Colleen Losey Daughtry** who she hasn't seen since graduation! Their kids are all about the same age, so both are excited about the visit. Sally hopes to make it to SBC for a day.

Debra Elkins has just moved back to D.C. and is now working for the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security building strategic risk models. Good to know we have Debra on our side! She writes that it's great being back in VA.

Holly Witt Aitken is still having a great time in Hong Kong. She and the family are headed to the Great Barrier Reef and Ayers Rock, Australia, on 03/10 and planning trips to Shanghai for the World Expo, Angkor Wat, and a trip back to the U.S. before the end of 2010.

Patty Friend Douglass is expecting her 3rd girl in a few wks. She and **Melissa Cranmer McManus** are still great friends have seen each other a lot this yr. Melissa's 3 children are Jack, Olivia, and Finnegan, and Patty's kids are Parker, Sarah Grace, and Georgia (on her way.) Patty is still married in NY and training horses, and she reports that Melissa in Mclean VA, is married and a very hard working momma.

Norma Bulls Valentine is still doing real estate in Aiken, SC, and Wellington, FL. Sister **Nancy Bulls** is also doing real estate in FL and busy taking care of the 12 horses on our farm.

Annalisha "Lily" Anderson McGinley and family are still in Panama City Beach, FL, and looking to staying there for the foreseeable future. She's working part time at her church, but most of her time is taken up being a mommy and running a large local playgroup for pre-schoolers. Son Cash (3) will be getting a baby sister the 1st wk. of Jun.!

Kimberly Cutting Winter writes that twins Evy and Lolly (4) make their parents laugh every day with some of the humdingers that come out of their mouths! Hayden (7) is enjoying school and tae kwan do. Kimberly has started a

bakery from home and been pleasantly surprised by its success! Her goal is to open a storefront once the girls get into school full time in a few yrs. Kimberly had lunch with **Susan Messikomer Horenkamp** in Maui, HI, in 02/10; they were both there for their husband's winners circle trip with the company SAP. It was great to catch up and have some time together sans children!

Tracie Allen Webber and Lee just got back from a trip to the Bahamas with Kelly "Pepper" Coggshall '95 and Jim. The group had lots of fun diving, although weather was a little cool. Tracie reports that the kids are getting big: George (10), Porter (6) and Anna-Margaret (5). "Life is good!"

Dianne Hayes Doss has been promoted to a Software Development Manager position at Cox Communications, where she's been working for the last 4 yrs. It's exciting and daunting at the same time. Husband Bill has resigned from HP and will be starting a new job with TitleMax, working on their consumer-facing website(s), which will be new for him. Dianne and family have adopted a puppy, a female, black lab-mix named Sophie. Kids Dan and Jenny are doing very well at school and are participating in the GA State U. Sat. School program again this spring. They're planning a trip to Tampa for a week in Jul., and otherwise will be adventuring as kids, puppy, and energy allow.

Sabryna McClung Roberson reports that she's thoroughly enjoying being a foster parent to 2 siblings, a boy (6) and his little sister (2). She and hubby Greg are hoping to move toward adopting them late this summer! Sabryna has started the countdown to our spring break trip "back home" to Islamorada, FL! The kids have never been to the Keys and are excited to finally meet her side of the family. (They met 31 members of Greg's family in AZ during a holiday wedding in 12/09.) She and Greg look forward to volunteering again at the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach! Sabryna (as always) hopes to visit with anyone headed to Northern CA!

As for me, **Stacey McClain**, I'm recovering from a back injury and ready to be better so I can get out in the garden among other things! My daughter Ever (5) is enjoying PK at Bolles and will be attending Theatre Camp at the Jewish Community Alliance this summer. She's a reading, writing, and a budding artist and performer and she never forgets a thing! Husband Bob Folwell is enjoying work with Interline Brands as well as the view from the 14th floor of their new digs. We are planning on a trip (or 3) to Disney this year and hopefully some time in VA to see family/friends/visit SBC and a trip CA to visit Sabryna's new clan. Yes, it is true, our 20th reunion is

approaching! Keep in touch and plan to celebrate our 20th on campus and in person!

1994

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Thanks to all of you who attended reunion last spring. It was great to see a few faces of people who hadn't attended before, and a few of whom we can now call "regulars." It was wonderful to catch up, and we made some new memories.

Amy Loux, challenging some of the guys to a bike race on the pink bikes that the College has placed around campus—and that took place at what? One in the morning? Some habits are hard to break when we get back on campus, I think.

The class of 1994 is busy! **Nicole Streeter-Hokes** and her husband Tyson welcomed a daughter, Nahla Nicole Hokes in April 2009. LaQuinta Donatto '92 hosted her baby shower.

Caitlin Sundby Russell finishing her last year of classes to get her M.A. in Nutrition. She has to complete a 9-mo. internship in 2011, and then sit for the Registered Dietician Exam. She's thankful for her supportive family, especially her husband, Scott. Eva turns 5 this yr. and will start Kindergarten in fall. Julia, hot on her older sister's trail, turns 2. She enjoys keeping up with her SBC classmates on Facebook, and wonders what we did without it.

Wendy Wall Nace is living in Birmingham and working as a Licensed Professional Counselor. She'll celebrate her 13th wedding anniv. in 7/2010, and is planning a mini-reunion in Atlanta in 4/2010 (and is *very* excited.) She wishes everyone well!

Heather Bayfield Weidle and her boys are doing great. Michael (5) and Matthew (2) are going to a Montessori school that they enjoy. Her business, Life Management Advisors is going well, and was a finalist for Best Overall Company and Best Entrepreneur categories for the Stevie Awards for Women in Business—an international award given each year in NYC. No win this year, but they're keeping their fingers crossed for next yr. They're franchising with a concentration in FL. Check out their website at www.lifemanagementadvisors.com. Misses seeing **Katherine Lindsay Auchter**, since she moved to ME.

Elizabeth Thigpen Landry is living in Pinehurst, NC with Aaron, Emma Gentry (9), Caroline (8) and Marshall, who'll be starting Kindergarten in fall. They got together a few times with **Courtney O'Dea Plaisted** and her kids over the

summer and had lunch with **Allison Vollmer Douglass** in NYC while on a trip with Aaron.

Mtesa Cottemond Wright and her husband Tony gave birth to a baby girl on 10/15/09. She was a healthy 7 lbs, 13 oz, and 19 in.

Liz Gilgan has made the pronouncement that she'll *not* be pregnant this summer. Nicholas is 18 mos., and running all over the place and Liz had a daughter 8/27/09 – Isabella Muirin. 14 months apart, not quite Irish twins. She saw **Ashley Henderson Swigart** in early Dec. She came to Boston with her son Preston. She saw Adria Lande '96 in Feb. for a short visit. She talks to **Lia Colbert**, **Amelia Johnson**, **Corinne Gaillard** and **Robyn Barto** often and they're all doing well.

Nellie Kan was happy to report that she and Al got engaged on Valentine's Day. They're planning a small private wedding in a secret location. Best wishes! There will be a lot of traveling for the 2 of them in the next year!

Katie Blaik-James is celebrating Elizabeth's 18-mo. mark. Conner is 10 and Jackson is 8. She and John are celebrating their 5-yr. anniversary in Jun. She's on indefinite maternity leave and loving it.

Amelia McDaniel Johnson reports that Wylly and Jed are growing like weeds. They have 2 yellow labs, Ruth and Earl. Jed would like to grow up to be a "hunter" and Wylly is going to save the world by recycling. (Sounds like her mom!) Amelia is teaching, and Wooten is working hard.

Allison Vollmer Douglass and William welcomed Will on 12/4/08, joining Kate and Abby. They're in NY. Allison is doing art appraisals part time with her dad and William is at CIT. She loves keeping up with the SBC girls on Facebook!

Amy E. Loux wants to thank the SBC staff and alumnae office for a fabulous reunion. It was her 1st visit to campus since graduation, and she was so happy that so many others attended. She caught up with **Katherine Cook**, **Molly Phemister**, **Sarah Underhill**, **Nellie Kan**, **Mtesa Wright**, and was thrilled to see other alumnae that had made the trek: Rebecca Carle '93, Laurel Knaup '95 and Mary "Cookie" Carle '59. She enjoyed visiting with Lisa Johnston and getting an update on the great work the library is doing. "Big love to all my SBC Sisters!"

Andrea Buck got engaged to Christopher Bingham on 8/2/09 with a wedding planned in later 2010. She hopes that some of her SBC classmates will be able to visit Somerset to attend the celebration. 2009 was a whirlwind yr. for her. She finished working for the Financial Times and completed her Masters studies at Oxford U. She hopes

she'll be able to have some time to enjoy being engaged!

Susan-Margaret Barrett and husband Scott welcomed Lillian Margaret Johnson into the world on 7/10/09. She is joined by Charlie (4) and Benjamin (2). Susan Margaret and Scott are staying true to their passions for photography and music, but are also very busy with their growing family. Susan Margaret's stunning photographs were part of the alumnae art exhibition at Reunion.

Amy Ross living and teaching in the Bay area, reconnected with an old friend and rediscovered her city over the summer—as a tourist. She visited New Orleans with some friends from Memphis and spent time with **Corinne Gaillard**. She took her boys camping in the Sequoia National Forest for a wk. (She is proof that Ms. High-Maintenance can indeed go camping.) She also travelled to Costa Rica for 10 days, loved it.

Tysha Calhoun Stroka enjoys life in central TX. She's working for SSA, and is involved with and on the Board of Dir. of the Gaslight Baker Theatre. The latest addition to their furry family, Roux, just turned 1 and is over 100lbs. Tysha still has a clean bill of health, but wants to encourage all her SBC sisters to get checked out annually to make sure everything is working properly.

Betsy Lanard married Kevin McCafferty in 3/09 and on 2/23/10 gave birth to Brook Elizabeth. Marley is now 5. Betsy is still teaching music for the Philadelphia School District and Alvernia U.

I'm the wine buyer/general manager for a wine shop and bistro in Columbus, and I'm also an active member of an independent restaurant group in town. I seek out new member restaurants and give them the "tough sell." I'm also busy planning a January 2011 wedding to Chuck Flasche. He proposed on a trip to Rome just after the holidays, and we're hoping to honeymoon in Australia. (He was the tall guy at Reunion, and yes, you'll be seeing him there again in 2014. Possibly with something to make those dorm beds appropriate for a guy who's 6'4".)

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Julie Baer Diter lives and teaches h. s. English and French in Grosse Pointe

MI. She's married to Gregory, whom she met on her junior yr. abroad in France. She has 3 children Alexandra (11), Justin (10), and Guillaume (11) mos. She's looking forward to warm weather and travel. Julie sends a warm hello to all old friends from class of '96.

April Collins Potterfield says her big news is they will be moving to China in Jun. Russell is starting business ventures there and still functioning as the CEO of Battenfeld Technologies. Benjamin will be going to Shekou International School, as will Oliver and Nathaniel (our 20-mo.-old twin boys). "I was just recommended for Tenure and Promotion at Westminster Coll. by the Board of Trustees, however, I'll be leaving the biology dept. in May. It's hard to be an Associate Professor from across the world. I intend to get the kids settled into their schools, and their Mandarin training, and then I might take some courses at Shenzhen U. myself in order to take advantage of all that China has to offer."

Susan T. Cash writes: "I live in Elon, VA, with my husband Jeff. I'm Dir. of Day Support Services at The Arc of Central VA in Lynchburg. I have 3 children in college and 2 adorable grandsons, Seth and Alexander, and 2 granddaughters, Trinity and Faith. When not working, Jeff and I love to go to Nags Head and fish, and be with the kids and grandkids.

Amy Daugherty Michel & Sam welcomed 2nd son Owen Laine Michel on 1/28/10. Xander was thrilled to finally meet his baby brother, and has been excellent with him! Things were a little crazy in the beginning, as Owen was born 2.5 wks. early and then contracted RSV and bronchiolitis at 11 days old. He had to be hospitalized for a wk., though he has made a full recovery. Xander turned 3 on 3/09/10, and continues to be a smart, funny and joyful child. All of the Michels are looking forward to a visit from **Paige Vaught Campion** in Apr., and eagerly await the news of **Imogen Slade Rex's** new baby boy in early Apr. Amy continues to enjoy keeping in touch with classmates and their families through facebook, and especially loves everyone's pictures!

Christie Cardon writes in 6/09: "I was delighted to be a bridesmaid in Ann Kay's wedding in MA and had fun seeing other SBC friends. Then, on 10/9/09, Darryl and I welcomed our 1st child, Alexander Leathers Anderson. He was a full month early, but healthy and happy. I'm now back at work with King & Spalding. In spring, we hope to travel to Northern VA to introduce Alexander to our SBC friends in the area.

Leah Jorgensen is living in Portland, OR, and is enrolled in the winemaking degree program at the Northwest Viticulture Center at Chemeketa Coll. in Salem. She's also

consulting northwest wineries and wine businesses with marketing and communications strategies. She freelance writes about wine and gluten free living. She plans to see **Meg Magistro Arcadia**, **Cindy Rakow Readyhough**, **Eileen MacMurtrie** and **Ardas Kaur Khalsa** (Alex Hiribarne) this summer.

Cindy Rakow Readyhough and husband Patrick live in Charlotte, NC. They have a little boy, Sam (2) and recently had their 2nd child, Katelynn, who's 5 mos. Cindy will be going back to work soon with Ernst & Young and her husband still works for himself in the building/construction industry. She keeps in touch with **Meg Magistro Arcadia**, **Eileen MacMurtrie**, **Leah Jorgensen** and **Alex Hiribarne**.

Jennifer Smith reports all is well in Richmond VA. "I'm in my 6th yr. as Dir. of School Counseling at Varina H. S. in Richmond, VA, and am back in school pursuing my post masters certification in Educational Leadership. I'll be graduating in Dec.! At work I get very excited speaking to my students about SBC. I hope to get more there! I stay in touch with **Lynn Davis Saunders**, **Reneca Rose Atkinson '97** and **Andie Thomas Young '95**. We're hoping to find time to get together soon! Life is great!"

Lindsay Mactavish Vogt was married on 3/21/10 in San Pedro, Belize. Her husband, Brian, is from Hibbing, MN, and they're currently living in Harrisburg, PA. Lindsay stays busy with work, trail running, mountain biking, and adventure racing.

Abby Phillips Hinga and Sean welcomed James Phillips Hinga on 2/5 (his due date!) He weighed 9lbs and was 22 in. long. He's a healthy, happy baby who is letting his parents get lots of sleep, for which they are *very* grateful. The family is loving life in Denver and having **Janeen Sharma** and **Laura Powell Gatling** close enough to see often!

As for me, life is treating me kindly. I've had a great time getting to know James Hinga in his 1st few wks. and recently had a wonderful visit with **Annie Pankoski Sherman**. Annie is happily living in the Bay Area with her husband, Peter, and their beautiful children Max (4) and Elsa (15 mos). After 5 yrs., I still love living in Boulder, CO. Last yr., I finished my master's in psychology and keep busy enjoying the Rockies and working as a Human Factors Engineer. My best to the class of '96.

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Alicia Foster Wilbun says the Wilbun family is doing great! She has learned how to do Bunka (Japanese embroidery), and it makes gorgeous pictures and is tons of fun! It's nice to get out once a wk. for adult time. Brianna (4) is reading 3 letter words. It was exciting to watch and listen as she read her 1st word. She has also started gymnastics and is doing really well—a natural. Estelle (1) is running now (started walking at 10 mos.) and having a good time playing with Brianna. Alicia had a great visit with **Fionna Matheson** in Jan. Fionna saw the girls and they went out to dinner; it was nice to laugh like they did in coll.! Alicia's family took a road trip to MI last May to see Krista Wigginton Gravatt '99. They talk often and hope to see her again this summer so Alicia can meet Grace! Alicia keeps in touch with Betsy Wilbun Ranson '99 and sees her when they visit Appomattox. Alicia talks with **Chantel Bartlett** often and hopes to see her soon! **Brigette Laib Mattox** married Mark Mattox in The Woodlands, TX, 11/28/09. **Anna Meres Wade** was a bridesmaid. **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** was absent due to the impending arrival of her new baby girl! Brigette and Mark are now living in Montgomery, TX, and loving married life! Brigette is looking for a career change from chemical sales to possible cosmetic sales. **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** gave birth to Eliza Joy Puckett on New Year's Eve 2009! Cynthia and Darrin are enjoying the roller coaster ride of parenting 3. Although busy with children, hearing from friends is a welcome respite during the day. **Stephanie Belk Loter** and Tom are expecting their 2nd child, a boy, on 5/19. Stephanie says, "Pregnancy is going well; we're enjoying preparing the house, dogs, and big sister for the new arrival." Abilene (11/29/07) is growing like a weed and exploring the world around her. She amazes them with new words, songs, activities. Stephanie works in Greensboro at Novartis Animal Health part-time and lives in Wake Forest. She keeps in touch with **Cady Thomas** and **Susan Barney**. **Astrid Liverman** has moved to CO for a new job. She and Taylor bought a house in Evergreen, a

chalet on the side of a mountain, which they love and will make their own in the spring when it gets a bit warmer. They have a puppy named Quoia (for Sequoia, as she'll be huge) and Piki, a feral kitten. This past weekend she had a surprise visit from Cari Petrulli Class of '99 and her husband Scott and baby King. She was her freshman year roommate, but left SBC after. **Carolyn Leddy** reports that with the situation looking bleak for Republicans in Washington, D.C., she decamped to Tokyo this past fall for a yr. Her husband remains in D.C. to advocate the misguided policies of the Obama administration. But Carolyn remains hopeful that he at least has the good sense to keep the house clean while she's gone! Carolyn is spending the yr. on a Council on Foreign Relations fellowship at the National Institute for Defense Studies in Japan and is exploring issues related to nuclear deterrence in East Asia. She loves living in Tokyo, drinking sake and traveling around Japan and looks forward to her husband joining for a trip to Vietnam in spring. Carolyn will return to D.C. this summer to join the Republican resurgence!

Cyndi Hague Hineline is excited that winter finally seems to be ending in OH! She and Shawn are well, and it's been fun watching Alex grow (he never stops!) and learn everything he can. Cyndi performed in a production of Sweeney Todd last summer and is helping to develop a summer children's theatre program at her community theatre. Last May, she met **Katherine Carr** in Louisville for a long weekend, and they visited with **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett**. They had a great time, even though Cyndi managed to get them lost a couple of times! She chats with **Heather Thomas Armbruster** via the internet quite a bit, and it's been fun "reliving" the many late night discussions they had in coll., although the subject matter is a bit different! **Leslie Farinas Padron** met with **Samantha Brodlieb Platner** during Christmas in NYC while she was home visiting family. They met up for coffee and cake at the Plaza Hotel. Leslie lives in Zaragoza, Spain, has been married for 3 yrs. Samantha Platner reports that she always looks forward to their annual Christmas reunion in NYC. She and **Mary Friberg** collaborated during Feb. 2010 New York Fashion Week on the La Perla Fall 2010 show. Hourglass Cosmetics sponsored the makeup for the La Perla show that Sam was producing as PR Manager, La Perla North America. Mary was appointed PR Director for Hourglass. It was fun working together! **MaryLea Martin Harris** is having fun making artsy messes with her 2 daughters Emma (7) and Claire (3). She blogs about their arts and crafts adventures on her blog Pink and Green

Mama (www.pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.com) It's been fun catching up with SBC friends who read the blog and try out her ideas with their kids. **Amanda Diamond Ring** made the ribbon barrettes for her daughter and achieved rock star mom status. Also check out MaryLea's Peep Diorama "Goodnight Peep" (based on the children's book *Goodnight Moon*) as one of 5 finalists in this year's Washington Post's Peeps Diorama Contest. A few months ago, MaryLea received news from **Anne-Claire Wackenhut** when she announced her engagement to Scott! She still sees Courtney Totushek Brown '97 for play dates with their kids. **Amanda Diamond Ring** and Kevin celebrated a decade of marriage in Oct. and keep active with Karleigh (who loves school and is perfecting her Hebrew and correcting her mom already!) and Asher (3) who is starting preschool this fall. Karleigh takes ballet with Gregor Lee '00. Amanda had a great time at Homecoming with more friends than she can name, but **Scarlett Swain**, **Gretchen Tucker**, **Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar**, **Kimberly Osborne Jerger**, **Jenny Hogan Koehn**, **Lisa Hall Flynn**, and Gregor to name a few. She saw Robin Bettger Fishburne '96 when she rode her horse at the Biltmore Estate. Amanda and her family love Asheville and requests all SBC ladies give her a shout when in the area. **Nichi Benson Knox** quit her teaching job this past summer to stay home with her 2 boys. Robert David (3 ½) and Elijah (15 mos.) are full of energy and are keeping her busy! **Erikka Sund Neal** and her husband welcomed baby #2, Samuel Garrison Neal, on 5/27/09. He and Frances are 16 mos. Apart. Erikka is in her 7th yr. teaching 3rd grade and now teaches at the same school that she went to as a child. Erikka spent a girl's weekend in New Orleans with **Erin Wortley Valliere** and **Joanne Hopkins** in Apr. **Erin Wortley Valliere** says the Valliere family is great and life feels so much more manageable with the baby turning 2 this spring. She's working for the Marine Corps as a government civilian in Fire Support, loves it. Erin is running quite a lot and signed up for a trail half marathon Mar. and the Marine Corps historic half in May. She misses everyone. Erin is hoping to see folks at her daughter's First Communion in May. **Laura Fitton Pieper** has been out of work for over a year now, after being laid off from her last journalism job. She's trying to make do with freelance writing and temp jobs. If any alumnae out there work for publications that need freelance writers, give her a call! Laura had an amazing experience in Los Angeles last spring as a fellow in the National Endowment for the Arts'

Journalism Fellowship in Theater. She's considering going back to school to pursue an MFA in creative writing. Nathane and Laura will be married 12 yrs. in 6/10! **Jessica Pavia Tra** changed jobs and now works as a special education administrator in Prince William County Schools. Her job requires her to support the teachers and school administrators, so the day is never the same twice. Jessica is working on a dissertation proposal for her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. She hopes to submit her proposal in the next mo. Her boys, Kenny (7) and Donovan (5), are getting big. Ken and Jessica have been married for 10 yrs. **Cady Thomas** keeps in touch with **Katie Martin**, **Bronwyn Beard**, **Lindsay Culp**, **Susan Barney** and lots of other SBC Ladies thanks to facebook and email. She's planning a trip with Susan and Lindsay this summer. Cady and her family spent Christmas with **Serena Putegnat** and Tara Putegnat '00 in Brownsville, TX, and looks forward to seeing them again this summer. **Chantel Bartlett** and **Kim Izquierdo** returned from a long weekend where they were reunited after nearly 7 yrs. They spent the weekend in Sonoma, CA, barrel tasting. Kim Izquierdo is celebrating 9 yrs. with Phizer. She travels both personally and for work. She soon jets off for a week of fun in Tokyo. Chantel continues to work with foreign exchange students. In a few weeks, she'll be turning in her 2 months notice without a new job lined up! Rather difficult to find a new job when you won't be able to start for 2 mos! Chantel thinks that she'll return to work as an executive assistant for a while, take a break from high-stress jobs and focus on her new passion of becoming a Zumba instructor. She'll achieve that in May and is considering going to the Zumba convention in Orlando come Aug. She's hoping to have more time to visit friends around the U.S. like Fionna, Candice, Alicia and many more once work-life isn't so crazy. She keeps in touch with **Candice Broughton Maillard**. Candice and family are doing well, just always on the go with home-schooling, swimming lessons and enjoying the great outdoors.

We want to encourage you to give to the Annual Fund! Our goal for the Pink Rose Society is underway, and we're aiming at a 100% participation rate for our class and want to challenge everyone to give \$5. As of today, 37 of us have pledged and given \$3,865. We'd love to give a grand total of \$10,000 with 100% participation by 6/30/10. Contact Cynthia or Cady for further information. Keep in touch with us via e-mail or Facebook. We want to be the support network that uplifts, encourages, and provides a haven for each of us when we need it.

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Christy Carl Allison is a SAHM of little Laurel Elizabeth, born 8/21/09. Laurel is happy, healthy and, just like Mommy, loves to sing. Christy continues to pet sit and do some online freelance writing on occasion. She was excited to see **Kathryn Alfisi, Marisha Bourgeois** and **Sara Skoglund** at a snow party she held this past Jan.!

Kim Bolz-Andolshek is keeping busy with her 3 children, Kate (7), Leo (5), and Gus (2). Kim and husband Justin are looking at some new models for their grocery store this spring as they have a new competitor building .5 mi. from them. Kim was elected to serve as chair for the 3rd yr. in a row on the Pequot Lakes School Board.

Marisha Bourgeois is working on her M.S. in speech language pathology. She's the proud recipient of the Dept. of Education Grant that provides free tuition with a monthly stipend. In addition to her new love of science, Marisha spends the rest of her time in the D.C. dance world: performing, teaching, and choreographing. Lately she's been choreographing couples' wedding dances. Her 1st couple's dance was for **Sarah Dean** in '08. She's also working on a children's dance book, which her sister is illustrating. She speaks to **Jennifer Crutcher** daily and swears they're the 2 old guys from the muppets.

Rachel Brattie and Chris are well in Northern CA. Rachel continues to work as an inpatient psychiatrist at a county hospital in Martinez, CA. She's now board-certified! Chris is working part-time in civil engineering. They've made several trips to Phoenix and D.C. to visit with family. They're planning a 2-wk. trip to Italy this May and can't wait!

Kristine Bria Brown and Andrew are celebrating 2 yrs. of marriage this Mar. and look forward to starting a family soon. Kristine is excited about her new business she just started. While still doing social work, Kristine has just accepted an offer as a wardrobe consultant for the Doncaster Clothing collection. Kristine is responsible for styling the Trunk Shows as well as marketing this fabulous upscale clothing line that is developed in the same clothing mills as Prada, Lanvin, and Chanel. Kristine is looking forward to this new adventure and encourages all SBC alumnae to check out her website at <http://www.facebook.com/14bd7>; www.doncaster.com/kbrown and please contact her if you're interested in purchasing any of the items available. Kristine keeps in

touch with **Sarah Dean, Annie Orten-gren, Zakiya Norris** and many others via facebook.

Brenda Elze still lives in Panama City, FL, where she's taking classes "for fun" thanks to the GI Bill! She had a fabulous time at Class of '04 Ginny Wood-Susi's wedding in Orlando in Feb., where she caught up with some alumnae she met at last yr.'s reunion. She keeps in (almost) daily contact with **Jen Schmidt Major** and enjoys monthly conversations with **Alex Sienkiewicz Auer, Jill Stromberg, Abby Schmidt, Casey Herman** and **Sarah Lester**.

Sarah Kingsley Foley moved into her own apt. in Sept. She started working for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce running their young professionals division, Sync757, in Jul., loves her job. Sarah recently added additional duties, coordinating the events in Chesapeake, Suffolk and Portsmouth. Her son Cole (4) is doing great through his parents' separation and is a social butterfly at his preschool. Sarah has started auditioning again and performed in a "cliff notes" version of The Nutcracker and also sings the National Anthem at large regional events.

Natasha White Gamboa has been busy chasing after son Sebastian (2) and is anticipating the arrival of another baby boy on 3/11/10. She's still living in Northern CA with husband Juan and became a stay-at-home-mom last yr. after a full-time career as a tennis professional. She still dabbles in the tennis world as a part-time retail buyer at a tennis pro shop, which has been fun!

Kelly Turney Gatzke and husband Ben have been enjoying Monterey, CA for the past yr. while Ben attends graduate school. They'll be moving to West Point, NY, in Jun. where he'll be teaching in the math dept. for about 3 yrs. Future SBC Vixen, Amelia, just turned 3 and is excited for her brother, Cameron, to make his arrival.

Krista Wigginton Gravatt was busy in '09 getting ready for the arrival of daughter Alexis "Grace," born 9/16. She was excited after 2 boys to finally decorate a room in pink and green! Husband Latham completed his MBA in Dec., and they're now looking at relocating to the Southeast, if possible. Krista enjoys keeping in touch with her SBC friends on Facebook.

Sarah Elkins Ince is still living in the Charlotte area and recently returned to work after giving birth to her 1st child Asa David Ince on 12/8. (Baby pictures on Facebook.) Sarah is excited to report that 2 of her students have applied to be accepted to SB (though they haven't made the final decision to enroll yet). She also has several juniors considering SBC. Sarah had a great time at the Charlotte SB Day event and looks forward to returning to SBC soon for

baby showers for Kristin Dane Ewing (assistant dir. of career services) and Robyn Sanderson (dir. of student activities).

Mamie Jackson lives in Atlanta, GA, and has a new position as assoc. vice president of development at Spelman Coll. On 11/13/10, Mamie will marry Robert Williams in Huntsville, AL.

Sean and **Lindsey Neef Kelly**, along with daughters Catherine and Rachel, welcomed Alice Marian (7 lbs) on 11/30/09. Lindsey is pleased to report it was the most painless, uneventful, and boring childbirth one could possibly imagine. Alice was also the healthiest newborn of the family, until Christmas, when she went into respiratory arrest in the ER. She was diagnosed with non-RSV bronchiolitis and spent 10 days at the children's hospital, but emerged as good as new. The girls are thrilled with their new sister, and surprisingly helpful, for toddlers. Lindsey's now back at work at Glasser and Glasser, looking forward to summertime trips to Busch Gardens with Sean and the girls, and working on launching a blog, details on Facebook.

Valerie Roche Kite and Derek welcomed Shealyn Marianna on 12/30/09, weighing in at 7lbs., 14 oz.

Meghan Pollard Leyboldt has had a great time reconnecting with Vixens over the past few mos. In Oct., Meghan returned to SBC with **Sarah Kingsley** for a graduate school recruiting event. It was a blast to be back on campus, see all the changes, connect with current Chung Mungs and sip wine in the Bistro with Sarah like old times. In Dec., Meghan had dinner in Durham with **Jill Triana, Sarah Dorminey, Megan Butt Glover** and **Elizabeth Melvin**—talk about trouble! In Jan., Meghan and **Brandi Whitley Hilder** drove to MD for **Leslie Hager Holman's** baby shower where they were also able to visit with a very pregnant **Joce Wiheler Greimel** (her due date was the next day). During their time together, they had lovely dinner with **Anne Jones Manning** in D.C. and got to meet her husband too. The weekend afterward, Meghan and her daughter, Piper, celebrated Brandi's daughter, Amelia's 2nd birthday in Chapel Hill. Meghan continues to enjoy family life with Piper and husband Steve. Piper is growing like a weed and enjoys saying words like "chicken" and "naked." Meghan fully indoctrinated Piper into the world of football with the culmination of the Saints' victory of the Superbowl GEAUX SAINTS! Hope everyone is having a wonderful new yr. and do visit when you are in the area!

Jen Schmidt Major and Michael welcomed Ryan Michael on 8/11/09, much to **Brenda Elze's** delight since he was born on her birthday.

Heather McLeod and TJ Griffin welcomed daughter Hazel Belle on

10/6/09, a week after big brother Eamon turned 2. Still enjoying Austin, not that we get out much, she says.

Emily Sartor Patterson and husband Brad are expecting their 2nd child in 7/2010; big sister Claire is excited about the arrival of the new baby!

Kathryn Taylor Paine and husband Jonathan welcomed Amelia Rose Paine at 11:42 a.m. on 9/10/09 in Houston, TX. Amelia's favorite activities are drinking milk, eating rice cereal, and staring at the family dog. After enjoying 3 mos. of maternity leave, Kathryn returned to work as the dir. of volunteer services at the Ronald McDonald House of Houston. In her "spare" time, Kathryn volunteers at the patient and family library at TX Children's Hospital.

Laura Walters Price can't believe that her daughter Olivia just turned 5 this past Jan. and that she and Jeff will be married 10 yrs. on 4/29—time flies! Jackson (3) is so talkative and such a boy! Laura has gone back to Lynchburg Coll. to get her endorsement in early childhood special education so that she can teach preschool handicapped or work in a home setting as an early intervention specialist.

Tina Hansel Snover is enjoying life with her husband and 2 daughters (3 and 1) and working part time. She's a resume consultant with Pathway Resumes and still lives in Lynchburg. She also stays busy with her MOPS group and is the leader of the women's ministry at her church. Tina, **Melissa Henning Hill, Kris Harris** and **Susan Hurley Upshaw** all attended **Meredith Tillery McNamara's** wedding last fall in TN.

Leslie Stokes completed her MDiv from Emory U. in 5/08. Currently, she's in her 2nd yr. of supervisory training for Clinical Pastoral Education through HealthCare Chaplaincy in Manhattan and serves as a staff chaplain at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She moved from Brooklyn to Queens this fall. In addition to working toward certification as a supervisor, board certification as a chaplain, and ordination in the United Church of Christ, Leslie is having fun planning her wedding to Rachel Small this coming Labor Day weekend. They plan to have a religious ceremony in Louisville, KY, where Leslie's family lives and a legal ceremony in the Northeast.

Lindsay Hicks Watrous and husband Tim welcomed a baby boy named Owen on Dec. 21. Lindsay recovered well and Owen is healthy and chunky, just like his brother Drew (2). Lindsay is finding it challenging to divide her attention between them, but is managing to keep sane on most days. She keeps in touch with **Anna Carmichael Redding, Shannon Weisenberger Habenicht** and **Jera Niewoehner**, as well as a number of Facebook-savvy Vixens.

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It seems that '01ers have been up to many exciting things and have a busy 2010 in front of us! Congratulations to everyone on your accomplishments and can't wait to hear what's in store for you next! Remember that our 10-yr. (Can you believe it?) Reunion is next May! Holla Holla!

Jennifer Stringfellow was engaged to Paul Lamanna (JVA '02) this past Sept. when they were vacationing in Napa Valley, CA. She and Paul are having a blast planning their Dec. wedding, which will be in Alexandria, VA. Sonya Truman '02 will be her maid of honor. Jenn enjoyed seeing **Megan Thomas Rowe** and **Angela Rodriguez Newman** last Sept. at **Kate Talaber Butler's** wedding. Jenn is extremely excited to have become an aunt in Jan. Her older brother, Charlie Stringfellow (HSC '96) and his fiancé had a little girl, Chloe, a future SBC grad, perhaps?! In May, Jenn will celebrate her 9th anniv. with her company, Jeremy Squire & Associates.

Sarah Machinist still works in sales for Kraft Foods and is in the process of moving from Greenville, SC, to Myrtle Beach, SC. She hopes to meet new friends and new horses once she is settled.

Amy Whitney Rippey says hello to all her fellow Vixens! She and husband Brian are living in Westminster, MD. She works for Arnold Palmer Golf Management as a dir. of sales. She's looking forward to the next reunion.

Natasha Nickodem Stevens and husband Matt bought a house in Chicago's Mayfair neighborhood and are looking forward to visits from **Stephanie Sherrard** and **Sarah Belanger Levinson** this summer.

Last fall, **Marian Spivey-Estrada** joined **Sarah Riggs Stapleton** and **Erin McKinley Wiley** for a mini-reunion at the home of **Elizabeth Puckett Haworth** in Sedona, AZ. Erin continues to work as a speech therapist in Seattle and welcomed her 1st child, Holiday Joan in Nov. Sarah left her position as an environmental science teacher in the Bay area and is now living in Japan while her husband Jim completes a

post-doc. Elizabeth continues to work for the nonprofit organization Harvest, for which she traveled to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Honduras last summer. Elizabeth and Peter recently welcomed Lord Finley Nelson, a beautiful English bulldog, into their home! Finally, Marian remains in Washington, D.C., working for the American Red Cross. Most recently, she was supporting the Haiti earthquake response, before going on maternity leave with her 2nd child Benjamin. Big brother Othoncito (2) eagerly welcomed the new arrival.

Amy Tabb and husband Dave are expecting their 1st child in late Apr. They bought a house last summer in West Lafayette, IN, and are happy there while Amy finishes her Ph.D. (expected sometime in 2010) and Dave teaches h. s. nearby.

Leah Brooks Waldrip and husband Adam welcomed their 2nd child, Sabrina Ann Waldrip on 3/8/10. Lucy Brooks Thomas '00, and her new daughter, Norah, came to visit their new niece and cousin. Leah is excited to introduce Sabrina to SBC.

Sarah Houston Kenning and husband Tyler welcomed Jackson Alexander Kenning on 7/12/09. He only weighed 4 lbs 3oz, but has quadrupled his weight over the past 9 mos. He was lucky to visit his friend, Charlie Stawasz, son of **Meghan Frier Stawasz**, for a weekend in Cape Cod. Sarah and Tyler have 1 more yr. in Albany before they move to Philadelphia for Tyler's fellowship. She's begun working 3 days a wk. at a rehabilitation hospital as a speech language pathologist and hopes to visit **Katie Wood Rae** and her family in Charlottesville in May. Sarah is excited that her term as president for the Junior League of Albany is winding down and hopes to travel more to see her SBC friends.

Mariana Souza is happy in Rio and moving to a bigger house with husband Humberto and Beatriz (1). Still practicing law, loving it. Has been in touch with **Rocio Guerrero**, **Leslie Farinas**, **Andrea Hidalgo** and **Olive Eiley** through Facebook.

Erin Harrison and Phill are expecting their 1st baby boy in 7/2010. They're excited to expand their family. Erin still loves teaching Jr. high and Phill is still in the credit union business.

Gwen Wray-Samans and husband Jamie are expecting their 1st child this Jun., and best of all: it's a girl! Hello, Class of 2028! The parents-to-be are moving to Alexandria in May. Gwen is also expecting her M.Ed. in secondary education in English from the George Washington U. this Jun.

Rami Achterberg Heers and husband Jesse are expecting their 2nd child in Oct.

Nia Fonow Ravenstahl and husband Matt, and step sons Maris and Seth were delighted to welcome home their newly adopted daughter Cassidy Ellen Owings Ravenstahl, born on 9/17 in Port Charlotte, FL. The Ravenstahls are enjoying being a family of 5 in Northern VA and will be spending the summer in Durham, UK where Matt is working towards his Ed.D. Nia looks forward to catching up with **Jessica McClosky** who lives nearby in New-castle while the family is there.

Meredith Taylor Eads and husband Micah (HSC '96) welcomed their 1st baby, Isabella Grace, on 8/6/09! Everyone is doing well, and the new parents are enjoying every second. Meredith wants to thank Tia Trout Perez '02 for a fabulous baby shower! She's wondering how early is too early to send in Isabella's reservation fee for her spot in SBC's class of 2031? Meredith also went back to graduate school this fall and is working toward her Ph.D. in special education; she says it's been a crazy few months and wishes maternity leave had been longer.

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It's been a busy yr. for the class of 2002. There are many new moms to congratulate!

Amanda Davis Stevens and husband Isaac are expecting their 1st child this summer, due 8/21/10. They've been busy preparing for the baby's arrival, and what's sure to be a long, hot summer. Amanda saw **Jennifer Taylor Catano** and her husband Dave while they were in CA on their "babymoon," and plans on attending her shower at the end of Apr. Jennifer's sweet pea is due 6/2/2010. She's keeping the gender a surprise, which has been exciting. She's been getting great advice from other SBC moms on Facebook, including **Rebecca Waite Del Piano** and **Laura Reither Marcotte**. **Mary Tassone Dunlevy** and husband Dale will welcome their 1st child into the world in Apr.—a little girl and named Ariana Elaine Dunlevy. Mary writes, "She's already outfitted with Sweet Briar goodies, and we expect her to be a future alumna." **Rachel Roth Allred** and husband Toby are expecting their 1st child, a baby girl, due in Apr. Rachel was able to spend time with **Mary**

Tassone Dunlevy, **Kathleen Fowler**, and Amy Waller '04 in Feb. at Mary's baby shower (Mary is due 5 days before Rachel), and is looking forward to seeing Kathy and Amy again in Mar. along with **Stacey Armentrout Fallah** and Angel Milone '03 at her baby shower. Rachel is also looking forward to serving as a bridesmaid at Angel's wedding in 2/11. She and Toby will celebrate their 4th anniv. in Aug. **Liz Waring McCracken** and husband Chris welcomed a baby girl on 10/26/09. Her name is Isadora Anne.

There have also been exciting professional moves for our class. **Emily Yerby** is enjoying her new career at The Greater Boston Food Bank, she writes, "Acquiring food to feed the hungry is truly a rewarding career." She and her partner, Gretchen, are enjoying life in the Boston suburbs and are looking forward to traveling this summer! **Ruth Huffman** is running a landscaping business in Lexington, VA, and is also writing for a local newspaper and playing upright bass fiddle in a bluegrass band with husband Rooster Ruley. **Meghan Gregory** is finishing off her last semester and will be graduating in 08/10 with a MBA from Pfeiffer U. **Sonya Truman** accepted a new job in Oct. and is now the assistant general counsel in charge of litigation at Entaire Global Companies, Inc. She just bought a house in Atlanta and is scheduled to close on 3/17/10! She's anxious about the renovations, but excited to move and to finally have a huge yard that her golden retriever can run in. **Juliana DeSantis** married Tyler Perkins in the midst of a snowstorm at her parents' farm in Culpepper, VA. They said their vows in a greenhouse surrounded by their friends and family. They took a wedding trip to CO where they did lots of snowboarding. **Kathleen Fowler** is still teaching Latin in Fauquier Cty, VA, and loving every minute (except for those pesky snow days). In summer '09, Kathy (along with fellow FL teachers) took a group of students to Ireland and the UK for 2 wks. to explore their Roman and Celtic roots, and then stayed for a few extra days to visit Cardiff, Wales, and had a blast! She writes, "In Sept., Amy Waller '04 and I bought our 1st home. We're happy to be able to paint the walls!"

I've seen several of our classmates recently: **Mary Tassone Dunlevy** for her baby shower, **Rachel Roth Allred** for her baby shower, and **Stacey Armentrout Fallah** for her son's 2nd birthday. I also took my 1st trip to the West Coast, to visit my parents in their new home in Portland, OR, over the Christmas holidays." In the last edition of the notes, I incorrectly stated that **Kim Martin** and her horse were featured in Sidelines Magazine. The article actually was about Kim's good friend Megan

Beley Withrow '01. I apologize for the mistake. I look forward to seeing **Margaret "Brook" Tucker Buck, Denise McDonald Gentry, Maria Thacker** and Ashley Johnson McGee '03 in Apr. for a girl's weekend, where they'll cheer on myself and **Kelly Monical** while we run the Charlottesville Half Marathon. Brook and I hope 2010 brings much happiness and great health to you all!

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I hope everyone is enjoying the East Coast thaw after that crazy winter! I, **Courtney Arnott Silverthorn**, actually spent my last week of "work" at the NCI at home under 47 in. of snow (and paid, at least) before taking a new position as an Intellectual Property Specialist with SAIC-Frederick on 2/16/10. Before I left the NCI, I prepared a nomination package for the Federal Laboratory Consortium's Excellence in Technology Transfer Award on behalf of an NCI scientist, which won at both the regional and national levels! I will be traveling to Albuquerque, NM in 04/10 to attend the FLC's national meeting and awards ceremony. Matt and I attended 2 VT games over the winter (1 football, 1 basketball) and are looking forward to a Caribbean cruise for Matt's 30th birthday in 10/10.

Lindy Guill Cash and husband Jonathan announce the birth of their 1st son, Benjamin Jeffrey Cash on 2/17/10, weighing 9lbs 21oz. They're all doing great and happy to have him home! **Christine Nail** announces that she and her husband had their 2nd son, Jaxson Daniel Beisker, on 2/03/10.

Heather Cole Kraft and **Kathryn Kraft** are meeting up with **Caroline "Cookie" Williams** and her girlfriend for a week-long trip Honduras, Belize and Mexico! They are also expecting their 1st child in 08/10.

Allison Albanis Strohmeier married Dax Strohmeier on 05/09/09 at The Breakers in Palm Beach, FL. **Blair Baigent** served as maid of honor and **Meg Foley, Carolyn Eney**, Eliza Chenault Hamnett '02, Brianna Meighan de Hanna '05, and Megan Meighan '06 all flew in for the weekend. Allison also reports that **Carolyn Eney** is engaged to Matthew Miller, and they're getting married 5/10 in Seabrook Island, SC!

Angelique Milone got engaged to William Lee Dodson in Richmond, VA, on 12/12/09. They are planning a 2/26/11 wedding in Richmond, VA. Her maid of honor will be Katie Morse '01, and her bridesmaids will be Rachel Allred '02,

Stacey Fallah '02, Mary Dunlevy '02, and **Amanda Schwink**.

Amanda Crighton Trefzger started a new position as the enrollment benefits director with EBC, Inc. in Cincinnati, OH. She recently obtained her OH insurance license and graduated from Hondros Coll. She and husband Joe are enjoying married life and are planning a few trips for this summer to Chicago to visit with **Anna Yankee**; Virginia Beach to see **Lana Davis Booth** and husband, James; and to Canada. She keeps up with other SBC friends regularly through Facebook, including **Courtney Finklea** and **Meghan Koury**.

Shirley Pinson Hendricks is rounding out her 4th yr. of teaching; she and her husband are doing fantastic, and they visited SBC (his 1st trip) in 5/09 for Betsy's farewell dinner. He was impressed with the campus and said he could see how she fell in love with it! They hope to visit campus once more prior to their move north this summer!

Julia Schmitz was accepted into SPIRE (Seeding Postdoctoral Innovators in Research and Education), a post-doctoral fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill that combines a research experience with a teaching experience. She spent 2/10 interviewing at the partner institutions across NC and will soon find out where she'll be teaching for the spring '11 semester. She recently went on a surprise trip to visit **Katy Kummer** in NYC.

Nicole Crowder is loving her 2nd yr. of teaching at the U. of Mary Washington. Her husband Mike finally got a job in VA working for the DoD, and they decided to buy their 1st house.

Lisa Renfrow moved back to CA from FL in 07/09. She'd been working at Peju Winery in the Napa Valley, but just accepted a position as the consumer direct sales and wine club manager at Mariposa Wine Company in Madera, CA, and is moving 3/10.

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Brienna McLaughlin Pruce is a freelance artist in Cambridge, England. She and her husband are traveling the world and loving Europe. She started an art store on her website: brienna.net.

Ginny Wood Susi got married on 2/6/10. Her bridesmaids were **Erin Coleman** and **Jozanne Summerville**. In attendance at her wedding were **Kirkland Wohlrab, Stephanie Gleason Peppler**, Brenda Elze '99, and **Emily Suchta**. Ginny and husband Phill live in Orlando with their 2 dogs.

Meredith Shaw Hansen has been working at Wintergreen Resort since 8/09. Her son Carter (4) is growing like a weed and has loved all the snow. **Christina Chubb** and Meredith met in Richmond for a girls lunch in 1/10.

Stacey Maddox is in her 1st yr. of medical school at WV SOM. She's enjoying the Problem Based Learning Program, which is a self-study, small-group program. She also enjoys living in Lewisburg, WV, and the great outdoor activities in the area.

Sarah Barrett is happy to announce that she and Ivar Aass were married in a private ceremony on 12/11/09 in NYC, where they reside. Sarah is retaining her maiden name.

Andrea Staton Koplowitz married Dale Koplowitz in 5/09 in Crozet, VA. Katharina Fritzier '05 and Shelly Kellogg '02 attended. Andrea is still employed at UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA, and works in the toxicology laboratory. She volunteered as an arts calendar manager for Piedmont Council of the Arts in 7/08 and enjoyed providing art events in the community. She continues to work on art in what spare time she can find.

Diana Marshall had surgery on 10/23/09 at UVA hospital to help her Crohns disease. She coded, and lost half her blood due to internal bleeding in recovery, and required an emergency trauma surgery. Many SBC alumnae helped her through that tough time, **Breanne Leiberger, Leah Philhower**, Kathryn Davis '05, Andrea Hidalgo '01, and Sarah Parson Breeden '05. **Courtney Pfaff Kimble** took Dee in post-surgery and used her nursing skills to help with proper recovery. Diana's boyfriend, Erick Clepper, gave her a promise ring for a pre-engagement soon after surgery. Additionally, during Diana's hospital stay, the 1st annual Brownie Science Try It Day, modeled after Prof. Jill Granger's event, occurred. The event was organized and planned with Girl Scouts Virginia Skyline Council and Northrop Grumman Sperry Marine, Charlottesville, Women Initiative for Networking and Success Group. Diana spent Thanksgiving with Sara Lopez Dawson '02.

Kristin Trayer Barclay and husband Matt are still living just outside Charlotte, NC. Kristin is a church secretary and teaches piano lessons out of her home. In 2/10 Matt and Kristin adopted an Australian Shepherd mix puppy named Jack. Jamie Jensen '05, residing in Charlottesville, VA, visited Kristin in 3/10. The old roomies had a great time catching up and taking Jack on long walks!

Sascha Rogers is working as a pediatric occupational therapist in Northern VA. She speaks with fellow

SBC alumnae **CM Burroughs, Karen Story Mckenzie**, and **Jozanne Summerville** often. When she's not going to the movies and to dinner parties with friends, she's busy planning her next vacation abroad.

Kirkland Wohlrab is the exec. assistant for the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation in Lexington, VA. She's getting ready to make the big move from Buena Vista to Lexington, a whopping 6 mi., in Mar. She enjoyed seeing all of her classmates and meeting the Class of 1999 girls at Reunion last May. Kirkland talks with **Stephanie Gleason Peppler** almost everyday and the 2 recently enjoyed a road trip to sunny FL for **Ginny Wood Susi's** wedding!

2005

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Can you believe that our 5-yr. Reunion is just around the corner?! Neither can I! I hope you're all planning to attend (May 21st-23rd). I would like to say *congratulations* to all of you who have had recent additions to your families, and who have gotten engaged and/or married within these past couple mos. Hope you all are doing well!

Liz Eager Marvel lives in Indianapolis, IN, with her husband. She loves her job as events coordinator at Coll. Park Church. Her husband is in medical school, and this fall he's going to Tsiko, Togo, in West Africa to work in a missionary hospital for a mo. Last Jun. Liz spent a wk. in Nicaragua with her family, a great trip. This past Sept., she was a bridesmaid in **Karen Dennehy Godsey's** wedding along with **Lauren Wade, Kerry Martin Spruill, Erin Gibbs**, and Virginia Fowler '04. Also in attendance were **Dana Ripperton, Maggie Murray, Kathryn Strong**, and **Julia Geyer**. They'll be getting together again this summer for **Maggie Murray's** wedding in CA. She also went to Milwaukee to visit **Casey Knapp Fleming** last fall and had a great time.

Mindy Wolfrom completed her 2nd master's in classics at Boston Coll. in May '09, and moved to Newburyport, MA, to begin her new adventure as an h. s. teacher! She's teaching Latin, Greek, and philosophy at Haverhill Public H. S. She had a very busy yet wonderful summer: travels with parents up to ME, with friends to the Cape, and with Sweet Briar alumnae **Nell Champoux** and Natalie Pye '07 to Eric Casey and Cathy Gutierrez's house for a visit of fromage, crepes, dachshund kisses, and Moccamaster coffee.

Mindy also visited **Molly Mitchell** in Minneapolis, MN, last Apr., where she presented her 1st academic paper at a classics regional conference. She's also enjoyed the recent emergence of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of Boston, where she has been able to see alumnae **Denva Jackson** and Michelle Badger '06 regularly!

Diane Lotz Warren and Michael got married on 12/19/10 despite the blizzard that struck the D.C./VA area.

Tamara Himelright Helton and Brian just bought a house in Palmyra, VA, outside of Charlottesville. They recently became proud parents of a little girl, Chloe Jane Helton who was born on 2/1/10. Tamara plans to return to work mid-Apr. at UVA Healthsouth Rehab Hospital.

Sheena Belcher Hubbard and Matthew are happy to announce the birth of their 1st child, Aubrey Hubbard, on 1/7/10. The family is doing well, and mom and dad are adjusting to the lack of sleep.

2006

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Abby Adams bought her first home in Ellicott City, MD, this past Sept.! She's been doing a bunch of renovations and has been living in the house for a bit with her dog, 2 cats, roommate, and roommate's dog. She's still working in the newborn nursery at Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson, MD, loves it! At Homecoming she saw some ladies and she has been staying in touch with **Jenn Wiley**, **Lindsey Cline**, **Joanna Meade**, and **Jodie Weber**. Abby will be attending **Jenn Wiley's** wedding in Vegas in Jul.! Abby also tries to go riding whenever she can.

Joelle Andrews is still living in Durham, NC, with her dog Lindy Lou. She loves to dance blues and lindy hop, and frequently travels around the country for events. Joelle is still working in Duke U.'s development office, but not for long! In Sept., she's moving to Sevilla, Spain, to work as an English teaching assistant with a JYS sponsored program. Maybe when she is there Joelle will get to visit **Jenny Jones Collins** who is moving to Germany with her husband Tommy. But before the big move, Joelle can't wait to see **Jenny Jones Collins**, **Alexandra Blair**, **Jessica Mercier Andryshak** and **Charis Lease-Trevathan Chase** at **Nicole Bergeron's** wedding!

Michelle Clark Bowe and her husband Thomas made daughter Lillian

a big sister with the birth of their 2nd daughter, Madeline "Maddie" Laurenza Bowe, on 1/20!

Jennifer Jones Collins is finishing up her 4th year teaching 8th grade science in Clarksville, TN. However, this Jun., Jennifer will be moving to Heidelberg, Germany with her husband who is being stationed there with the Army! They're so excited to have the opportunity to explore Europe! Life is getting very hectic preparing for the move! Jennifer was lucky enough to be maid of honor in **Jessica Mercier Andryshak's** wedding in Aug.! It was a beautiful VT wedding and she got to catch up with **Charis Lease-Trevathan Chase**, **Nicole Bergeron**, and **Alexandra Blair**.

Leigh Darrell was sworn in to the MD Bar in Dec., and is enjoying her judicial clerkship on MD's Eastern Shore. She took trips to visit **Laura Pierce** in KY and **Kate Dobie** in NY during the 1st few months of 2010.

Ivey Tabor Godfrey welcomed son Gabriel Martin on Mar. 5 and had a little bit of a bumpy road in the beginning as he spent his first 8 days in the newborn intensive care unit due to breathing difficulties as he was 3 wks. premature. He's home now and growing stronger everyday and Caroline likes giving her little brother kisses. They're still living in Wake Forest and Ivey is a graphic artist and her husband, Ryan, works as a youth director at their church.

Tori Hankins married Doug LaBrosse (HSC '06) on 11/21 in Charlotte, NC. Several members of the Class of 2006 attended the celebration, including **Henslee Evans**, **Olivia Ungerer**, **Hollylane Riley**, **Sara Coffey** and **Shanthi Ramesh**.

Victoria Chappell Harvey is loving life in Japan! Besides exploring she has kept very busy with volunteering on base along with her job. She looks forward to future visitors as she definitely suggests anyone to visit this awesome country! This spring she's so excited to be going back to the U.S. for a short visit to see family and friends. While she's there, she'll have the honor of being a bridesmaid in **Allison Martell's** wedding along with **Lea Pyne**, **Charlotte Spielman**, and **Becky Teachy '07**. **Kassie Caola '07** will also be in attendance.

Charis Lease-Trevathan Chase graduated from Savannah State U. in May with a masters in social work.

Sarah Liston is still working for an IT company in Columbus, OH, as a project coordinator. She'll be competing in her 1st triathlon in Jul. She became engaged to Jason Mitchell (RIT '06), an electrical engineer, on 3/6 and they're to be married in Mar. '12! She's so excited!

Jenny Lynn is living in Richmond,

VA, and working at Henricus Historical Park in Chester, VA, where she's the Domestic Skills historical interpreter. Henricus is the 2nd settlement in colonial VA, founded in 1611, and the recreated park is starting to ready for the 400th commemoration. Jenny regularly interprets the "Maids for Brides" sent over in 1621, domestic servants, and Alice Proctor, one of the few women from a nearby plantation who defended her homestead during the 1622 Massacre. (If you stop by Henricus this summer, you might get to watch Jenny give a musket demonstration with a reproduction 17th century matchlock musket!) Jenny is also performing regularly with the Crossroads Irish Dance Troupe in Richmond and, during her time off, has been attending 18th and 19th century reenactments up and down the East Coast.

Lauren Martin is set to graduate with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in May from the Medical Coll. of GA after 3 long challenging yrs. This past fall she was able to visit with **Cara Cherry** when she came to Atlanta to intern at the CDC. If all goes according to plan, they'll room together in Atlanta following both of their respective graduations. She stays in touch with **Kassie Caola '07**, **Tabitha Dixon Ward**, **Nicki Brandt**, and various other SBC alumnae through the wonders of free long-distance and Facebook. If anyone is ever traveling through Atlanta, feel free to look her up!

Stephanie Scherer McCallister has had a lot of entertainment since the Jan. addition of her second boarder colie, Max. This past Mar. also marked her first year as a home owner!

Colleen Karaffa Murray is still at Sweet Briar enjoying the beautiful campus with her growing family. She and Brandon are expecting their 2nd child in Nov.!

2007

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Thanks to everyone who sent in notes! As usual, '07 is up to some amazing things.

Danielle Dionne is in her 2nd yr. of teaching 1st grade at Countryside Elem. in Northern VA, loves it. She's also in the process of purchasing her 1st home.

Megen Blaesing recently graduated from V.C.U. with a M.A. in Occupational Therapy. She's working as a pediatric DT in Lynchburg, VA, where she lives with her fiancé, Chris and their pets, Socks and Sophie. They're planning for their Aug. wedding as well

as building a house and a barn for her 3 horses on 70 acres in Campbell Co.

Morgan Roach continues to work at The Heritage Foundation as a research assistant on transatlantic relations, public diplomacy, Africa and Latin America. She's a member of American U.'s WeLEAD Program, a series of seminars dedicated to furthering women's leadership in politics and government. She's also a member of the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Discussion Group on Europe. This spring Morgan will be playing in D.C.'s tennis and soccer leagues. She continues to live in Washington, D.C.

Danielle Briggs-Hansen works for Systems Planning and Analysis in finance, since 5/11/09.

Carlina Muglia continues to live in Athens, GA, working at a law firm. She recently moved to a new place that is next door to Cole Shanholtz '06. "We still spend a lot of time with each other riding and playing with our dogs," she says. Carlina just finished taking a trapeze class, is doing dog rescue and Crossfit. This summer she'll be moving to Austin, TX, and will be visiting in early May. She writes, "I look forward to the move and networking with any SBC girls in the area."

Natalie Pye is in her 2nd semester of law school at Washington Coll. of Law at A.U. in D.C., and just made the Mock Trial team. She writes, "School keeps me pretty busy, but I hope to make it back to SBC for homecoming in the fall!"

Laura Schaefer is still loving DR and finishing up her AmeriCorps service term with the Beaverton School District, which ends in Aug. She writes, "We recently received funding to upgrade most of the lighting in our school gyms and cafeterias with more efficient fixtures; the retrofits will be complete before the end of Jun. and will be saving enough electricity each yr. to power 57 homes (700,000 kWh per yr., almost \$70,000!) We've had such a successful yr., and I'm looking forward to learning more about energy efficiency and starting my career on the west coast. I had a short and snowy visit back to D.C. to celebrate the holidays with Margaret Loebe '06 and Angelica Shea '06 before heading up to PA to see my family."

Maggie Saylor Patrick started a new job working as the assistant dir. of the Annual Fund at Macalester Coll. in St. Paul, MN. She says, "I keep dreaming of moving back to VA, but so far it just doesn't seem to be happening." Husband Martin will be finishing up his master's thesis in Apr., and they plan on staying put another yr. or 2 before moving on. She writes, "I had the chance to visit with **Rachel Reynolds** when I was down for the Feb. board meeting, but I miss getting to see everyone regularly. Campus looks great every time I visit,

and I'm so proud of the new Green Village and the FAC!"

Sarah Kindschuh spent last summer and fall working in NM at the Valles Caldera National Preserve and recently spent the mo. of Jan. working with baboons in a National Park near Cape Town, South Africa, then spent Feb. touring around the area. She has lots of amazing pictures posted on Facebook. I wish I could remember more of the specifics, but as I write this she's moving back to NM to work in the same place again for the spring through fall and she has no cell phone reception. You'll just have to believe me that it was really cool.

Heidi Trude continues to teach French at Skyline H.S. in Front Royal, VA. She was the head coach for the Academic Team (quiz bowl) this winter. Heidi had a blast coaching the team and was so proud that they came in 3rd place in the district tournament. This summer Heidi will be taking a group of students from Skyline to Ireland, England, and France. Heidi had a fantastic time at Homecoming and President Parker's inauguration. She's planning on returning to SBC for graduation in May.

Caitlin Ashley wrote in for herself and for **Betty Skeen**. She writes of Betty, "She's been studying at the U. of MD since graduation and will be graduating with her MFA in dance this yr. Her thesis concert, entitled *Geminuspace*, was the 1st weekend in Mar. and from what I hear was well received. In addition to being a phenomenal dancer, she's dating a wonderful guy, Hunter." Cat also says Betty may be looking at moving to NYC after graduating and says, "so any SBC alumnae in the NYC area make sure to let her know you're there!"

As for herself, Caitlin is going on her 3rd yr. as an international trade representative with the WV Development Office. She says, "I assist WV business with exporting. I organize international trade missions or booths at international trade shows and give WV businesses the opportunity to sell their products overseas." Since starting there, she has participated in the Governor's 2007 Mission to China and led 3 trade missions with WV businesses, 2 to China and 1 to Canada. This yr., she's leading missions to Australia and India. Also, she decided to go back to school, and is getting an EMBA from the U. of Charleston and will graduate this Dec. (hopefully, she says). She writes, "The business program has scheduled an International Practicum to Paris and Amsterdam for about 2 wks. this summer, so if there are any SBC girls in the area, let me know! I have an apartment in Charleston (would love SBC visitors) and am looking for a house since I'm not leaving my job anytime soon. My parents are nearby, so it's nice to have family around, although, I defi-

nately miss my SBC family. I do talk to **Betty Skeen** and **Rosanna Hawkins Winner** regularly, and am planning trips to see them this spring/summer."

Kim Wadelton is currently in grad. school at Georgia Tech for a dual M.A. in architecture and city and regional planning. This summer she'll be in Bandung, Indonesia working at an urban planning firm. After that, she'll be going to Borneo to do some volunteer work helping to build a hospital which she and some other tech students have been designing for the past yr. She writes, "I'll be there to help them break ground and pour the foundations. It should be awesome. I'd like to stay there longer to continue overseeing the construction, but I'm waiting to see if I get funding, and I'll have to take a little time off school. But no rush to graduate, right?"

Eleanor O'Connor is still in London working on her M.A. in Publishing at U. Coll. of London. She says, "I'm having lots of fun exploring the city and taking day trips away. I start my placement next mo. and am looking forward to attending the London Book Fair! If anyone is going to be in London this summer, let me know. I'd love to meet up!"

Stephanie Norris is teaching 4th grade in Richmond, VA, and working on her M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction at the U. of Richmond which she will finish in 5/11.

Ferrell Lyles writes, "Things are well here in NC! Since my fiancé, Andrew Smith (VM '06), returned from Iraq in 11/09 we have been enjoying our house in NC with our cat Isobel and her arch-nemesis: our Czech/DDR German Shepherd puppy, Baron. I'm still working for Booz Allen Hamilton as a senior consultant. I started my M.A. degree in diplomacy with Norwich U. in 12/09 and will graduate in 6/11. In other news, by the time you read this, Andrew and I will be married! We're having a small wedding with close family that will take place on 5/30/10 overlooking Frenchman Bay in Bar Harbor, ME. Katie Vaughan '06 and Lynnsey Brown '07 are bridesmaids. Also in attendance will be Andrew's sister Lydia Smith (who attended SBC in fall '07) and Andrew's cousin, Amanda Ankerman '00. After serious consideration of many options and the deliberation of a few, we finally decided to take our honeymoon in the British Virgin Islands! I hope that everyone is doing well! I miss you ladies!"

Caitlin Cashin is halfway through her M.A. in music and cultural history at U. Coll. Cork in Ireland and having a wonderful time.

Irene Maslanik will be graduating in May from Stetson U. Coll. of Law in Gulfport, FL. She writes, "In the last yr. of law school, I've had the opportunity to try several cases and it's been amazing experience. Upon graduation, I hope to

work as a public defender in Clearwater, FL. Nothing too exciting—ask me in a couple a mos., and I should have passed the bar, gotten a job, and should be a real grown up! Keep your fingers crossed!"

Emily Fitzpatrick is in her 2nd yr. of coaching lacrosse at Oberlin Coll. She writes, "As the recruiting coordinator for the women's lacrosse program, I successfully recruited the largest incoming class in recent history of 12 student-athletes." She's planning on moving to MA for a grad. program in exercise science and sports physiology. She's waiting to hear back from Smith Coll., but was already accepted to Springfield. She says, "I'm excited to move to western MA and looking forward to more coaching."

Kelsey Jeffers is living in Falls Church, VA, and keeping busy. She writes, "I spend my mornings working as a laboratory technician for the Vitreous State Laboratory at Catholic U. of America in D.C. Our research is in nuclear environmental protection through the vitrification of nuclear wastes. I spend my afternoons at the Madeira School in McLean, VA, as the assistant aquatic director where I coach swimming and teach lifeguarding to h. s. girls."

Hollie Jennings Payne and husband Johnny are expecting their 1st baby, a daughter they plan to name Kadence Faye, in Jul.!

Mary Petrie graduated from Shenandoah U. with her M.S. in Occupational Therapy in 12/09. She was honored to be elected the class speaker for her wonderful occupational therapy class. As of 1/10, Mary is working for a small private outpatient rehab clinic in Lynchburg. Currently, she is performing contract services for this company in the Buckingham County School district. Mary loves her new career and is looking forward to trying many new things in 2010!

Allison Shaw Camper is living in VA and teaching 9th grade earth science. She's working on her M.A. in education.

Rosanna Hawkins Winner is working at a school for children who have autism and really enjoys the work. She says, "While it can be extremely taxing, it's rewarding in its own ways. She and husband Rob are busy fixing up their house, trying to get things finished. She says they have been successful in some areas, "Our basement no longer floods!"

Kim Battad still lives in the Bay area, working as a music teacher at Noteworthy Music School, teaching keyboarding for children and adults. She misses SBC and her classmates and hope all is well with them!

Jennifer Dick is enjoying her 1st yr. of graduate school at Eastern Mennonite

U. where she plans to earn her M.A. in counseling. Studying keeps her busy, but she'd love to visit SBC to see all of the wonderful new changes!

As for me, I continue to live in MI with my wild and crazy family. In Oct., I started teaching musical theatre classes for kids at a dance studio and in Jan. I started working as the costume designer for the local h.s.'s spring production, *Annie Get Your Gun*, which will go up in Apr. I'm enjoying both jobs, and looking forward to new adventures this summer. On the weekends I volunteer at a Family History Library and teach Sunday school to some rambunctious 7- and 8-year-olds. In 8/09 I was able to visit **Kim Battad** in San Jose, CA, which was a lot of fun. I didn't get to see **Sarah Kindschuh** in NM last yr. as I planned, but plans are in the works for the coming mos. I'd love to get to London to visit **Eleanor O'Connor**, but so far my funding will only allow floating across the Atlantic in a barrel and that doesn't seem like the wisest plan. I keep in touch with many SBC friends and I love being able to catch up with a lot more of you twice a yr. for class notes! I'm really hoping to make it to SBC for Homecoming this year, so hopefully I'll see all of you there! In the meantime, if anyone wants to visit MI, let me know!

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Anne Walden *Dewey* Guerin, Class of 1941, loved her years at Sweet Briar, where she majored in English.

When she passed away, her brother, John Peyton 'Pete' Dewey, made a commitment to Sweet Briar in memory of those happy years his sister spent at the College and in honor of his mother, Anne Henry, who was a native Virginian raised in Rappahannock County.

"My mother loved Virginia. She attended Mary Washington, but encouraged my sister, Anne, to

attend Sweet Briar, which she did," Dewey said. "After my sister passed away I read an article in your alumnae magazine, and I thought that a gift to Sweet Briar would be a great way to honor both of them and make a lasting contribution. I know they would be pleased."

Dewey created a bequest to the College, making him an Indiana Fletcher Williams Associate, a donor who makes a planned gift to Sweet Briar. He also gave a generous endowment gift to the Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld Fund for Historic Preservation. This gift will help bring Sweet Briar closer to rebuilding historic Tusculum on the College campus. This beautiful home was the birthplace of Maria Crawford, mother of Indiana Fletcher Williams, who founded Sweet Briar College.

When funds are available, Tusculum will be reconstructed near antebellum Sweet Briar House, home to College presidents and originally a sister plantation to Tusculum and Mount Saint Angelo, which is also a College property and currently home to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

"It is important for friends of Sweet Briar to understand that we work to ensure that a donor's giving plan is satisfactory in every way to the donor's current and future needs," said Garry Buttner, director of major and planned gifts for Sweet Briar. "There are many creative ways to plan a gift that contributes to the future of the College while creating a legacy in memory of someone special."



Ann Dewey Guerin at the site of a restored ruin on an American Indian reservation in Santa Fe, N. M., during her junior year at Sweet Briar.

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